

SENATE BILL 535

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By: **Senators Pugh, Benson, Conway, Currie, Gladden, Jones–Rodwell, Kelley, McFadden, Muse, Ramirez, ~~and Robey~~ Robey, and Middleton**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Ex–Offender Business Development Program Study**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Business and Economic
4 Development, the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation, and the
5 ~~Division of Parole and Probation in the~~ Department of Public Safety and
6 Correctional Services jointly to study and evaluate the feasibility of establishing
7 a business development program for ex–offenders and to identify funding
8 sources for certain purposes; requiring the Departments ~~and the Division~~ jointly
9 to report their findings under this Act on or before a certain date; and generally
10 relating to business development for ex–offenders.

11 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
12 MARYLAND, That:

13 (a) The Department of Business and Economic Development, the
14 Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation, and the ~~Division of Parole and~~
15 ~~Probation in the~~ Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services jointly shall:

16 (1) study and evaluate the feasibility of establishing a business
17 development program for ex–offenders that:

18 (i) invests in businesses run by ex–offenders; and

19 (ii) provides business training for ex–offenders; and

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 (2) identify funding sources to invest in ex-offender businesses and to
2 fund training programs.

3 (b) On or before October 1, 2013, the Department of Business and Economic
4 Development, ~~the~~ Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation, and the ~~Division of~~
5 ~~Parole and Probation in the~~ Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services
6 jointly shall report the findings under subsection (a) of this section, in accordance with
7 § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the Senate Finance Committee and the
8 House Economic Matters Committee.

9 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
10 October 1, 2012.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.