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A BILL ENTITLED

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 Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services jointly to study and
6 evaluate the feasibility of establishing a business development program for
7 ex–offenders and to identify funding sources for certain purposes; requiring the
8 Departments jointly to report their findings under this Act on or before a
9 certain date; and generally relating to business development for ex–offenders.

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

12 (a) The Department of Business and Economic Development, the
13 Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation, and the Department of Public Safety
14 and Correctional Services jointly shall:

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

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

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

19 (2) identify funding sources to invest in ex–offender businesses and to
20 fund training programs.

21 (b) On or before October 1, 2014, the Department of Business and Economic
22 Development, the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation, and the
23 Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services jointly shall report the findings
24 under subsection (a) of this section, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 Government Article, to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Economic
2 Matters Committee.

3 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
4 October 1, 2013.