

# HOUSE BILL 698

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By: **Delegates Pena–Melnyk, Braveboy, and A. Washington**

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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 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 certain funding sources for certain purposes;  
8 requiring the Departments jointly to report their findings under this Act on or  
9 before a certain date; and generally relating to business development for ex–  
10 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 Department of Public Safety  
15 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~~

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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 nongovernmental funding sources to invest in ex-offender  
2 businesses and to fund training programs.

3           (b)    On or before October 1, 2014, 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 shall report the findings  
6 under subsection (a) of this section, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State  
7 Government Article, to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Economic  
8 Matters Committee.

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

Approved:

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Governor.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.

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President of the Senate.