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By: **Senators Pugh, Benson, Conway, Currie, Forehand, Jones–Rodwell, King, Klausmeier, Madaleno, Ramirez, and Zirkin**

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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 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

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

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1 (2) identify funding sources to invest in ex-offender businesses and to
2 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:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.