

HOUSE BILL 388

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By: **Delegates Dumais and Vallario**

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Assigned to: Judiciary

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Justice Reinvestment Coordinating Council**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Justice Reinvestment Coordinating Council in the
4 Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention; providing for the composition,
5 chair, and staffing of the Council; prohibiting a member of the Council from receiving
6 certain compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses;
7 establishing the duties of the Council; requiring the Council to report its interim and
8 final findings and recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly on or
9 before certain dates; and generally relating to the Justice Reinvestment
10 Coordinating Council.

11 BY adding to

12 Article – Public Safety

13 Section 1–601 through 1–605 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 6. Justice
14 Reinvestment Coordinating Council”

15 Annotated Code of Maryland

16 (2011 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

17 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
18 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

19 **Article – Public Safety**

20 **SUBTITLE 6. JUSTICE REINVESTMENT COORDINATING COUNCIL.**

21 **1–601.**

22 **(A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS**
23 **INDICATED.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(B) "COUNCIL" MEANS THE JUSTICE REINVESTMENT COORDINATING**
2 **COUNCIL.**

3 **(C) "EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR" MEANS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE**
4 **GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF CRIME CONTROL AND PREVENTION.**

5 **(D) "OFFICE" MEANS THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF CRIME CONTROL AND**
6 **PREVENTION.**

7 **1-602.**

8 **THERE IS A JUSTICE REINVESTMENT COORDINATING COUNCIL IN THE**
9 **OFFICE.**

10 **1-603.**

11 **(A) THE COUNCIL CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:**

12 **(1) THREE MEMBERS OF THE SENATE OF MARYLAND, APPOINTED BY**
13 **THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE;**

14 **(2) THREE MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, APPOINTED BY**
15 **THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE;**

16 **(3) THE SECRETARY OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND CORRECTIONAL**
17 **SERVICES, OR THE SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE;**

18 **(4) THE SECRETARY OF JUVENILE SERVICES, OR THE SECRETARY'S**
19 **DESIGNEE;**

20 **(5) THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF MARYLAND, OR THE ATTORNEY**
21 **GENERAL'S DESIGNEE;**

22 **(6) THE PUBLIC DEFENDER OF MARYLAND, OR THE PUBLIC**
23 **DEFENDER'S DESIGNEE;**

24 **(7) A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE MARYLAND JUDICIARY, APPOINTED**
25 **BY THE CHIEF JUDGE OF THE COURT OF APPEALS; AND**

26 **(8) THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS, APPOINTED BY THE EXECUTIVE**
27 **DIRECTOR:**

1 (I) A REPRESENTATIVE OF LOCAL DETENTION CENTERS
2 RECOMMENDED BY THE MARYLAND ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES;

3 (II) A REPRESENTATIVE OF LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT
4 AGENCIES;

5 (III) A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE MARYLAND STATE'S
6 ATTORNEYS ASSOCIATION; AND

7 (IV) ANY OTHER MEMBER WITH EXPERTISE RELEVANT TO THE
8 WORK OF THE COUNCIL.

9 (B) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SHALL BE THE CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL.

10 (C) THE OFFICE SHALL PROVIDE STAFF FOR THE COUNCIL.

11 (D) A MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL:

12 (1) MAY NOT RECEIVE COMPENSATION AS A MEMBER OF THE
13 COUNCIL; BUT

14 (2) IS ENTITLED TO REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES UNDER THE
15 STANDARD STATE TRAVEL REGULATIONS.

16 1-604.

17 THE COUNCIL SHALL:

18 (1) USING A DATA-DRIVEN APPROACH, DEVELOP A STATEWIDE
19 POLICY FRAMEWORK TO REDUCE SPENDING ON CORRECTIONS AND REINVEST IN
20 STRATEGIES TO INCREASE PUBLIC SAFETY AND REDUCE RECIDIVISM; AND

21 (2) REQUEST TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE COUNCIL OF STATE
22 GOVERNMENTS JUSTICE CENTER AND THE PUBLIC SAFETY PERFORMANCE
23 PROJECT OF THE PEW CENTER ON THE STATES TO DEVELOP THE POLICY
24 FRAMEWORK.

25 1-605.

26 THE COUNCIL SHALL REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH
27 § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

1 **(1) THE INTERIM FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE**
2 **COUNCIL ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2016; AND**

3 **(2) THE FINAL FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COUNCIL**
4 **ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2017.**

5 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June
6 1, 2015.