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Maryland General Assembly  
2015 Session

**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**

House Bill 1244

(Chair, Economic Matters Committee)(By Request -  
Departmental - Labor, Licensing and Regulation)

Economic Matters

Finance

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**Education and Workforce Training Coordinating Council for Correctional  
Institutions - Name Change**

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This departmental bill changes the name of the Education and Workforce Training Coordinating Council for Correctional Institutions to the Correctional Education Council.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2015.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None. The change is technical in nature and does not directly affect governmental finances.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** The Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation (DLLR) has determined that this bill has minimal or no impact on small business (attached). The Department of Legislative Services concurs with this assessment.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law/Background:** The council was established by Chapter 134 of 2008, which transferred responsibility for adult education and literacy services and correctional services education from the Maryland State Department of Education to DLLR. The council must develop and recommend an educational and workforce training program for adult correctional institutions in the State. The council must also adopt regulations for a mandatory education program for inmates who fail to attain specified minimum

educational standards as well as regulations for a mandatory workforce skills training program. Further, the council must advocate and promote the interests of educational programs and workforce skills training opportunities in correctional institutions and regularly review these programs to ensure that educational and training needs of inmates are being met.

The council consists of 14 members. In addition to four members appointed by the Governor (two representing the business community, one former offender, and one member of the general public), the following serve *ex officio*:

- the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services;
- the Secretary of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation;
- the State Superintendent of Schools or a designee;
- the Secretary of Higher Education or a designee;
- the Secretary of Business and Economic Development or a designee;
- a president of a community college in the State or a designee;
- the Chair of the Governor's Workforce Investment Board or a designee;
- the Director of Education and Workforce Skills Training for Correctional Institutions or a designee;
- an official from a local correctional facility or a designee; and
- a county superintendent of schools from a county where a State correctional facility is located (who is selected by the State Superintendent) or a designee.

The council must meet four times each year and must annually report to the Governor and the General Assembly.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

**Information Source(s):** Maryland State Department of Education; Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation; Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services; Department of Legislative Services

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ANALYSIS OF ECONOMIC IMPACT ON SMALL  
BUSINESSES

TITLE OF BILL:     Education and Workforce Training Coordinating Council for Correctional  
                             Institutions – Name Change

BILL NUMBER:     HB 1244

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PART A. ECONOMIC IMPACT RATING

This agency estimates that the proposed bill:

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                 BUSINESS

OR

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                 BUSINESSES

PART B. ECONOMIC IMPACT ANALYSIS

This purpose of the proposed bill is to change the name of an Executive Council to simplify its title and identity. There is no way that this change could impact any small business in Maryland.