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BY: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 783
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, strike “Higher Education” and substitute “Correctional Education Council”; in the same line, strike “Credit-Bearing Courses” and substitute “Study of Access to the Internet and Higher Education Courses”; strike beginning with “making” in line 4 down through “programs” in line 12 and substitute “requiring the Correctional Education Council, in cooperation with the Maryland Higher Education Commission and the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services, to convene certain workgroups, identify certain issues, and issue certain reports on or before a certain date”; in line 12, after “to” insert “studies regarding access to the Internet and”; and strike in their entirety lines 14 through 28, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in line 2, strike “the Laws of Maryland read as follows”; after line 2, insert:

“(a) The Correctional Education Council, in cooperation with the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services, shall convene a stakeholder workgroup to identify:

(1) the current availability of Internet access in correctional institutions in the State;

(2) opportunities to expand access to the Internet for educational purposes and other appropriate purposes; and

(3) any obstacles or barriers to meeting the objective of expanding access to the Internet in correctional institutions in the State;

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(b) The Correctional Education Council, in cooperation with the Maryland Higher Education Commission, shall convene a stakeholder workgroup to identify:

- (1) the availability of higher education courses to inmates;
- (2) the demand for higher education courses in correctional institutions in the State; and
- (3) any obstacles or barriers to meeting that demand; and

(c) On or before December 1, 2016, the Correctional Education Council shall report its findings under subsections (a) and (b) of this section to the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee and the House Appropriations Committee in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article.”.

On pages 2 through 9, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 3 on page 2 through line 29 on page 9.