

# HOUSE BILL 498

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By: **Delegate B. Robinson**

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Assigned to: Judiciary

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Correctional Services – Senior Reentry Coordinating Council**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Senior Reentry Coordinating Council in the  
4 Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services; providing for the  
5 membership of the Council; providing that appointed members serve at the pleasure  
6 of the Governor; providing for the term of an appointed member; providing for the  
7 staggering of the terms of appointed members of the Council; providing that, at the  
8 end of a term, an appointed member continues to serve until a successor is appointed  
9 and qualifies; designating the chair of the Council; providing for the staff for the  
10 Council; prohibiting a member of the Council from receiving compensation;  
11 authorizing a member of the Council to receive reimbursement for certain expenses;  
12 providing for the duties of the Council; providing for the expiration of the terms of  
13 certain members of the Council; defining a certain term; and generally relating to  
14 the Senior Reentry Coordinating Council.

15 BY adding to

16 Article – Correctional Services

17 Section 2–301 through 2–304 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 3. Senior Reentry  
18 Coordinating Council”

19 Annotated Code of Maryland

20 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

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

23 **Article – Correctional Services**

24 **SUBTITLE 3. SENIOR REENTRY COORDINATING COUNCIL.**

25 **2–301.**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           **IN THIS SUBTITLE, “COUNCIL” MEANS THE SENIOR REENTRY COORDINATING**  
2 **COUNCIL.**

3 **2–302.**

4           **THERE IS A SENIOR REENTRY COORDINATING COUNCIL IN THE**  
5 **DEPARTMENT.**

6 **2–303.**

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

8                   **(1) THE SECRETARY, OR THE SECRETARY’S DESIGNEE;**

9                   **(2) THE SECRETARY OF AGING, OR THE SECRETARY’S DESIGNEE;**

10                   **(3) THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE, OR THE**  
11 **SECRETARY’S DESIGNEE; AND**

12                   **(4) THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS, APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR:**

13                           **(I) ONE MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC WITH RELEVANT EXPERTISE**  
14 **IN THE PROVISION OF REENTRY SERVICES TO ELDERLY OFFENDERS;**

15                           **(II) ONE MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REPRESENTING FAMILIES OF**  
16 **INCARCERATED INDIVIDUALS;**

17                           **(III) ONE INDIVIDUAL WHO WAS FORMERLY COMMITTED TO A**  
18 **STATE CORRECTIONAL FACILITY; AND**

19                           **(IV) ONE MEMBER WITH EXPERTISE RELEVANT TO THE WORK OF**  
20 **THE COUNCIL.**

21           **(B) (1) THE APPOINTED MEMBERS SERVE AT THE PLEASURE OF THE**  
22 **GOVERNOR.**

23                   **(2) THE TERM OF AN APPOINTED MEMBER IS 3 YEARS.**

24                   **(3) THE TERMS OF THE APPOINTED MEMBERS ARE STAGGERED AS**  
25 **REQUIRED BY THE TERMS PROVIDED FOR APPOINTED MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL**  
26 **ON OCTOBER 1, 2016.**

1           **(4) AT THE END OF A TERM, AN APPOINTED MEMBER CONTINUES TO**  
2 **SERVE UNTIL A SUCCESSOR IS APPOINTED AND QUALIFIES.**

3           **(C) THE SECRETARY, OR THE SECRETARY’S DESIGNEE, SHALL:**

4           **(1) CHAIR THE COUNCIL; AND**

5           **(2) PROVIDE STAFF SUPPORT FOR THE COUNCIL FROM THE**  
6 **DEPARTMENT.**

7           **(D) A MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL:**

8           **(1) MAY NOT RECEIVE COMPENSATION AS A MEMBER OF THE**  
9 **COUNCIL; BUT**

10           **(2) IS ENTITLED TO REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES UNDER THE**  
11 **STANDARD STATE TRAVEL REGULATIONS, AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET.**

12 **2-304.**

13           **THE COUNCIL SHALL:**

14           **(1) IDENTIFY SERVICES NEEDED BY SENIORS WHO ARE BEING**  
15 **RELEASED FROM PRISON;**

16           **(2) DETERMINE HOW THE SERVICES NEEDED BY SENIORS WHO ARE**  
17 **BEING RELEASED FROM PRISON CAN BEST BE PROVIDED BY GOVERNMENTAL AND**  
18 **OTHER ENTITIES;**

19           **(3) IDENTIFY PROGRAMS TO SUPPORT FAMILIES OF INCARCERATED**  
20 **INDIVIDUALS;**

21           **(4) DEVELOP REENTRY POLICIES THAT INCORPORATE SUPPORT FOR**  
22 **BOTH RETURNING INDIVIDUALS AND THEIR FAMILIES; AND**

23           **(5) ADVISE THE DEPARTMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH ITS WORK.**

24           **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the terms of the initial**  
25 **appointed members of the Council shall expire as follows:**

26           **(1) one member in 2017;**

27           **(2) one member in 2018; and**

1                   (3)     two members in 2019.

2                   SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
3     October 1, 2016.