SENATE BILL 243

By: Senators Robinson, Bates, Benson, Conway, Currie, Ferguson, Guzzone, Kelley, Klausmeier, Manno, McFadden, Muse, Rosapepe, Salling, Smith, and Young

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Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings and Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

Correctional Services – Inmates – Financial Literacy Training

FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to offer certain financial literacy training to a certain inmate; specifying the objective and instructional topics of certain financial literacy training; authorizing the Department to consult or collaborate with a certain agency, entity, or individual in developing the curriculum for certain financial literacy training; and generally relating to financial literacy training for inmates.

BY adding to

Article – Correctional Services

Section 9–616

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2008 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Correctional Services

9–616.

(A) The Department shall offer financial literacy training to an inmate who has been sentenced to a term of incarceration in the Division of Correction and who is within 1 year of being released from a correctional facility.
(B) The financial literacy training required by this section shall:

(1) Aim to provide an inmate with an understanding of how to manage money and build wealth; and

(2) Include instruction in how to create and follow a household budget and how to invest money wisely for retirement.

(C) The department may consult or collaborate with any public or private agency, entity, or individual in developing the curriculum for the financial literacy training required by this section.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2017.