

# HOUSE BILL 295

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By: **Delegates Queen, Ali, Anderson, Dumais, Ebersole, Gibson, Lam, J. Lewis, Moon, Morales, Mosby, Proctor, Sanchez, and Sydnor**

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Assigned to: Judiciary

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Correctional Services – Diminution Credits – Education**

3 FOR the purpose of awarding a one-time diminution credit to reduce the term of  
4 confinement of an inmate if the inmate successfully obtains a certain educational  
5 certificate, diploma, or degree; establishing the range for the diminution credit that  
6 may be awarded; requiring the Commissioner of Correction to establish a uniform  
7 system of deductions and participation criteria for awarding a certain diminution  
8 credit; and generally relating to diminution credits.

9 BY adding to

10 Article – Correctional Services  
11 Section 3–706.1  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (2017 Replacement Volume)

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

16 **Article – Correctional Services**

17 **3–706.1.**

18 **(A) IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER DEDUCTIONS ALLOWED UNDER THIS**  
19 **SUBTITLE, AS AN INCENTIVE TO REDUCE A TERM OF INCARCERATION, AN INMATE**  
20 **MAY BE ALLOWED A ONE-TIME DEDUCTION IN ADVANCE FROM THE INMATE’S TERM**  
21 **OF CONFINEMENT IF THE INMATE SUCCESSFULLY OBTAINS:**

22 **(1) A CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION OF A TECHNICAL OR**  
23 **VOCATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAM APPROVED BY THE COMMISSIONER;**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           **(2) A STATE HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA BY EXAMINATION UNDER §**  
2 **11-808 OF THE LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT ARTICLE;**

3           **(3) A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA;**

4           **(4) AN ASSOCIATE DEGREE; OR**

5           **(5) A BACHELOR'S DEGREE.**

6           **(B) THE DEDUCTION ALLOWED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION**  
7 **SHALL BE NOT LESS THAN 60 DAYS AND NOT MORE THAN 730 DAYS.**

8           **(C) THE COMMISSIONER SHALL ESTABLISH A UNIFORM SYSTEM OF**  
9 **DEDUCTIONS AND PARTICIPATION CRITERIA ALLOWED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF**  
10 **THIS SECTION.**

11           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
12 October 1, 2018.