

SENATE BILL 486

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By: **Senators Hayes and M. Washington**

Introduced and read first time: January 23, 2024

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Correctional Services – Maryland Correctional Enterprises Management**
3 **Council – Report**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Correctional Enterprises Management Council
5 to research and review certain information relating to goods and services provided
6 by Maryland Correctional Enterprises; and generally relating to the Maryland
7 Correctional Enterprises Management Council.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
9 Article – Correctional Services
10 Section 3–521(a)
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2017 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)
13 (As enacted by Chapter 721 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2023)

14 BY adding to
15 Article – Correctional Services
16 Section 3–521(e)
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2017 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

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

21 **Article – Correctional Services**

22 3–521.

23 (a) (1) The Management Council shall:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (i) advise Maryland Correctional Enterprises on its specific
2 proposals to establish new industries and improve the quality and quantity of job training
3 programs; and

4 (ii) recommend the establishment and maintenance of industrial
5 plants and service centers to be used for implementing the programs developed by the
6 Commissioner and Chief Executive Officer under § 3–511 of this subtitle.

7 (2) Maryland Correctional Enterprises shall operate industrial plants and
8 service centers recommended under paragraph (1)(ii) of this subsection primarily with
9 incarcerated individuals in a manner that benefits the State and the training of
10 incarcerated individuals by producing goods or providing services that are practical and
11 adaptable for a prison industry.

12 **(E) THE MANAGEMENT COUNCIL SHALL:**

13 **(1) RESEARCH:**

14 **(I) THE NUMBER OF PRIVATE ENTITIES THAT OFFER GOODS**
15 **AND SERVICES THAT ARE ALSO AVAILABLE FROM MARYLAND CORRECTIONAL**
16 **ENTERPRISES; AND**

17 **(II) THE AVERAGE PREVAILING MARKET PRICES FOR THE**
18 **GOODS AND SERVICES THAT ARE AVAILABLE FROM MARYLAND CORRECTIONAL**
19 **ENTERPRISES;**

20 **(2) COMPARE THE COST OF GOODS AND SERVICES AVAILABLE FROM**
21 **MARYLAND CORRECTIONAL ENTERPRISES AND THE COST OF THE SAME GOODS AND**
22 **SERVICES FROM PRIVATE ENTERPRISES;**

23 **(3) REVIEW AND COMMENT ON THE POTENTIAL BENEFITS OF THE**
24 **STATE SOLICITING PRIVATE ENTERPRISES TO PROVIDE THE GOODS AND SERVICES**
25 **PROVIDED BY MARYLAND CORRECTIONAL ENTERPRISES; AND**

26 **(4) ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2026, REPORT TO THE GENERAL**
27 **ASSEMBLY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2–1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE,**
28 **ON ITS RESEARCH AND FINDINGS.**

29 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
30 October 1, 2024. It shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and, at the end of September
31 30, 2026, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be
32 abrogated and of no further force and effect.