



**SB 858**  
**Procurement and Correctional Facilities – Employment Opportunities for Formerly Incarcerated Individuals**

MCAA Position: **Oppose**

TO: Judicial Proceedings Committee

TO: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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Most local correctional facilities contract with private vendors for a range of services to include medical services, pharmaceutical services, food services, telephone services, and technical services just to name a few.

SB 858 would create extraordinarily burdensome requirements on private industries regarding the employment of formerly incarcerated individuals. These burdensome requirements would lead to fewer potential bidders and ultimately less competitive bidding processes for local correctional facilities.

The managing officials of local correctional facilities are very aware and understanding to the need to provide services to educate, train, and assist incarcerated persons with employment. In fact, every local correctional facility in the State of Maryland provides many programs to help accomplish this.

The MCAA strongly opposes this bill. We ask this committee for an unfavorable report on SB858.