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By: **Delegate Rosenberg**

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Assigned to: Judiciary

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Correctional Services - Offender Rehabilitation and Reentry Pilot Program**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Offender Rehabilitation and Reentry Pilot  
4 Program; requiring the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services  
5 to provide certain assistance to certain reentry service programs; requiring the  
6 Department to provide certain grants to certain programs under certain  
7 circumstances; requiring the Department to develop certain procedures;  
8 requiring the Governor to include a certain amount in the State budget to  
9 implement the program; requiring the Department to adopt certain regulations;  
10 providing for the termination of this Act; defining certain terms; and generally  
11 relating to the Maryland Offender Rehabilitation and Reentry Pilot Program.

12 BY adding to

13 Article - Correctional Services

14 Section 2-401 through 2-404 to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 4. Offender  
15 Rehabilitation and Reentry Pilot Program"

16 Annotated Code of Maryland

17 (1999 Volume and 2005 Supplement)

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

20 **Article - Correctional Services**

21 **SUBTITLE 4. OFFENDER REHABILITATION AND REENTRY PILOT PROGRAM.**

22 2-401.

23 (A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS  
24 INDICATED.

25 (B) "PILOT PROGRAM" MEANS THE OFFENDER REHABILITATION AND  
26 REENTRY PILOT PROGRAM.

1 (C) "REENTRY SERVICE PROGRAMS" MEANS PROGRAMS THAT PROVIDE AND  
2 COORDINATE THE DELIVERY OF COMMUNITY SERVICES TO RECENTLY RELEASED  
3 EX-OFFENDERS TO FACILITATE TRANSITION BACK INTO THE COMMUNITY AND THAT  
4 REDUCE RECIDIVISM AND INCLUDE JOB TRAINING AND PLACEMENT, HOUSING,  
5 HEALTH, LITERACY, AND EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS.

6 2-402.

7 (A) THERE IS AN OFFENDER REHABILITATION AND REENTRY PILOT PROGRAM  
8 TO PROVIDE GRANTS TO REENTRY SERVICE PROGRAMS.

9 (B) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2007, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ESTABLISH AN  
10 OFFENDER REHABILITATION AND REENTRY PILOT PROGRAM.

11 (C) (1) THE PURPOSE OF THE PILOT PROGRAM IS TO IMPLEMENT A  
12 PROGRAM IN AT LEAST TWO AREAS OF THE STATE TO PROVIDE GRANTS TO  
13 QUALIFIED REENTRY SERVICE PROGRAMS TO ASSIST IN THE REDUCTION OF  
14 RECIDIVISM AMONG EX-OFFENDERS IN THE STATE.

15 (2) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL:

16 (I) SELECT THE PILOT AREAS WITHIN THE STATE; AND

17 (II) SELECT DESIGNATED QUALIFIED REENTRY SERVICE  
18 PROGRAMS IN EACH PILOT AREA.

19 (D) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008 AND EACH SUCCEEDING FISCAL YEAR, THE  
20 GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE \$250,000 IN THE STATE BUDGET TO ACCOMPLISH THE  
21 PURPOSES OF THIS SUBTITLE.

22 2-403.

23 THE DEPARTMENT SHALL:

24 (1) COOPERATE WITH, ASSIST, AND PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE  
25 TO THE DESIGNATED REENTRY SERVICE PROGRAMS WITHIN THE PILOT PROGRAM;

26 (2) PROVIDE GRANTS OUT OF STATE FUNDS DEDICATED FOR THIS PILOT  
27 PROGRAM TO DESIGNATED REENTRY SERVICE PROGRAMS; AND

28 (3) DEVELOP A PROCEDURE FOR LOCAL REENTRY SERVICE PROGRAMS  
29 TO APPLY FOR A GRANT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SUBTITLE.

30 2-404.

31 THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT  
32 THIS SUBTITLE.

33 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
34 October 1, 2006. It shall remain effective for a period of 3 years and 3 months and, at

- 1 the end of December 31, 2009, with no further action required by the General
- 2 Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.