

HOUSE BILL 919

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Criminal Law – Swift and Certain Sanctions Pilot Program**

3 FOR the purpose of declaring that it is the public policy of the State that certain
4 former inmates under community supervision shall be subject to certain
5 revocation proceedings, possible incarceration, and certain other sanctions
6 under certain circumstances; requiring the Division of Parole and Probation to
7 implement a pilot program involving a system of graduated sanctions for
8 violations of conditions of community supervision; requiring a certain system to
9 set forth a menu of certain presumptive sanctions; requiring certain sanctions
10 to take into account certain factors; requiring a certain system to define certain
11 positive reinforcements; requiring the Secretary of Public Safety and
12 Correctional Services to establish certain review processes by regulation;
13 requiring a certain review to be conducted by a certain employee or
14 representative; requiring a certain court to determine the conditions of
15 community supervision for certain individuals; authorizing a certain court to
16 impose as a condition of community supervision that the Division may impose
17 certain graduated sanctions for certain violations; authorizing the Division to
18 modify the conditions of community supervision for a certain purpose and place
19 a certain supervised individual in a certain facility or center for a certain period
20 of time under certain circumstances; requiring a certain supervision officer who
21 intends to modify the conditions of community supervision in a certain manner
22 to issue to a certain supervised individual a certain notice; requiring the
23 imposition of a graduated sanction by a certain supervision officer to comport
24 with a certain system of graduated sanctions; requiring a certain supervised
25 individual to immediately accept or object to a certain sanction at a certain
26 time; providing that the failure of a certain supervised individual to comply
27 with a certain sanction shall constitute a violation of probation, parole, or
28 mandatory supervision; providing that if a certain supervised individual objects

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



to the imposition of a certain sanction, the individual is entitled to a certain administrative review; establishing that if the Division affirms a certain recommendation, then a certain sanction shall become effective immediately; requiring a certain confinement to be approved by a certain chief supervision officer; allowing a certain supervised individual to be taken into custody for a certain maximum period of time while certain approval is obtained; requiring a certain supervision officer to impose a certain sanction on certain days and times under certain circumstances; prohibiting a certain sanction from being imposed except by order of the court; prohibiting the issuance of a certain notice that could result in a certain felony charge, with a certain exception; prohibiting a court from revoking the term of community supervision or imposing additional sanctions upon successful completion of a graduated sanction; requiring a certain supervision officer to take certain actions if the supervision officer modifies the conditions of community supervision in a certain manner; requiring a certain chief supervision officer periodically to review confinement sanctions recommended by supervision officers for certain purposes; defining certain terms; making the provisions of this Act severable; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Swift and Certain Sanctions Pilot Program.

BY adding to

Article – Correctional Services

Section 6–301 through 6–306 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 3. Swift and Certain Sanctions Pilot Program”

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2008 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

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

Article – Correctional Services

SUBTITLE 3. SWIFT AND CERTAIN SANCTIONS PILOT PROGRAM.

6–301.

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

(B) “CHIEF SUPERVISION OFFICER” MEANS THE HIGHEST RANKING FIELD PAROLE AND PROBATION ADMINISTRATOR IN EACH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT.

(C) “COMMUNITY SUPERVISION” MEANS:

1 **(1) THE PLACEMENT OF AN INDIVIDUAL UNDER THE**
2 **SUPERVISION OF THE DIVISION, WITH CONDITIONS IMPOSED BY A COURT FOR A**
3 **SPECIFIED PERIOD DURING WHICH:**

4 **(I) CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS ARE DEFERRED WITHOUT AN**
5 **ADJUDICATION OF GUILT; AND**

6 **(II) A SENTENCE OF IMPRISONMENT OR CONFINEMENT,**
7 **IMPRISONMENT AND FINE, OR CONFINEMENT AND FINE IS PROBATED AND THE**
8 **IMPOSITION OF SENTENCE IS SUSPENDED IN WHOLE OR IN PART; OR**

9 **(2) THE PLACEMENT OF AN INDIVIDUAL UNDER SUPERVISION**
10 **AFTER RELEASE FROM PRISON OR JAIL, WITH CONDITIONS IMPOSED BY THE**
11 **DIVISION FOR A SPECIFIED PERIOD.**

12 **(D) “GRADUATED SANCTION” MEANS NONPRISON OFFENDER**
13 **ACCOUNTABILITY MEASURES AND PROGRAMS, INCLUDING:**

14 **(1) ELECTRONIC SUPERVISION TOOLS;**

15 **(2) DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING OR MONITORING;**

16 **(3) DAY OR EVENING REPORTING CENTERS;**

17 **(4) RESTITUTION CENTERS;**

18 **(5) FORFEITURE OF EARNED COMPLIANCE CREDITS;**

19 **(6) REHABILITATIVE INTERVENTIONS SUCH AS SUBSTANCE**
20 **ABUSE OR MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT;**

21 **(7) REPORTING REQUIREMENTS TO SUPERVISION OFFICERS;**

22 **(8) COMMUNITY SERVICE OR WORK CREWS;**

23 **(9) SECURE OR UNSECURE RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT FACILITIES**
24 **OR HALFWAY HOUSES; AND**

25 **(10) SHORT-TERM OR INTERMITTENT INCARCERATION.**

26 **(E) “POSITIVE REINFORCEMENT” MEANS REWARDS AND INCENTIVES,**
27 **INCLUDING:**

28 **(1) AWARDING CERTIFICATES OF ACHIEVEMENT;**

(2) REDUCING REPORTING REQUIREMENTS;

(3) DEFERRING A MONTHLY SUPERVISION FEE PAYMENT;

(4) AWARDING EARNED COMPLIANCE CREDITS;

(5) REMOVING SUPERVISION CONDITIONS SUCH AS HOME
DETENTION OR CURFEW; OR

(6) ASSIGNING THE OFFENDER TO BE A MENTOR TO OTHERS.

(F) "SUPERVISED INDIVIDUAL" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL UNDER
COMMUNITY SUPERVISION.

(G) "SUPERVISION OFFICER" MEANS A PERSON APPOINTED OR
EMPLOYED BY THE DIVISION TO SUPERVISE INDIVIDUALS PLACED ON
COMMUNITY SUPERVISION.

6-302.

IT IS THE PUBLIC POLICY OF THE STATE THAT SUPERVISED INDIVIDUALS
SHALL BE SUBJECT TO:

(1) PROCEEDINGS FOR THE REVOCATION OF COMMUNITY
SUPERVISION AND THE POSSIBLE REINSTATEMENT OF INCARCERATION FOR
FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE CONDITIONS OF COMMUNITY SUPERVISION
WHEN THE FAILURE CONSTITUTES A SIGNIFICANT RISK TO PRIOR VICTIMS OF
THE SUPERVISED INDIVIDUAL OR THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE AND CANNOT BE
APPROPRIATELY MANAGED IN THE COMMUNITY; OR

(2) SANCTIONS OTHER THAN REVOCATION AND INCARCERATION
AS APPROPRIATE TO:

(I) THE SEVERITY OF THE VIOLATION BEHAVIOR;

(II) THE RISK OF FUTURE CRIMINAL BEHAVIOR BY THE
OFFENDER; AND

(III) THE NEED FOR, AND AVAILABILITY OF, INTERVENTIONS
THAT MAY ASSIST THE OFFENDER TO REMAIN COMPLIANT AND CRIME-FREE IN
THE COMMUNITY.

6-303.

1 **(A) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2012, THE DIVISION SHALL IMPLEMENT**
2 **A PILOT PROGRAM INVOLVING A SYSTEM OF GRADUATED SANCTIONS FOR**
3 **VIOLATIONS OF CONDITIONS OF COMMUNITY SUPERVISION.**

4 **(B) THE SYSTEM SHALL SET FORTH A LIST OF PRESUMPTIVE**
5 **SANCTIONS FOR SUPERVISION VIOLATIONS, INCLUDING:**

6 **(1) FAILURE TO REPORT;**

7 **(2) FAILURE TO PAY FINES, FEES, AND RESTITUTION;**

8 **(3) FAILURE TO PARTICIPATE IN A REQUIRED PROGRAM OR**
9 **SERVICE;**

10 **(4) FAILURE TO COMPLETE COMMUNITY SERVICE;**

11 **(5) VIOLATION OF A PROTECTIVE ORDER OR PEACE ORDER; AND**

12 **(6) FAILURE TO REFRAIN FROM THE USE OF ALCOHOL OR**
13 **CONTROLLED DANGEROUS SUBSTANCES.**

14 **(C) THE TYPE OF SANCTIONS PRESCRIBED SHALL TAKE INTO ACCOUNT**
15 **FACTORS SUCH AS:**

16 **(1) THE SEVERITY OF THE VIOLATION;**

17 **(2) THE SUPERVISED INDIVIDUAL'S PREVIOUS CRIMINAL**
18 **RECORD;**

19 **(3) THE NUMBER AND SEVERITY OF ANY PREVIOUS SUPERVISION**
20 **VIOLATIONS;**

21 **(4) THE SUPERVISED INDIVIDUAL'S ASSESSED RISK LEVEL; AND**

22 **(5) THE EXTENT TO WHICH GRADUATED SANCTIONS WERE**
23 **IMPOSED FOR PREVIOUS VIOLATIONS.**

24 **(D) THE SYSTEM SHALL DEFINE POSITIVE REINFORCEMENTS THAT**
25 **SUPERVISED INDIVIDUALS SHALL RECEIVE FOR COMPLIANCE WITH CONDITIONS**
26 **OF SUPERVISION.**

27 **(E) THE SECRETARY SHALL ESTABLISH, BY REGULATION, AN**
28 **ADMINISTRATIVE PROCESS TO REVIEW AND APPROVE OR REJECT, PRIOR TO**

1 IMPOSITION, GRADUATED SANCTIONS THAT DEVIATE FROM THOSE
2 PRESCRIBED.

3 (F) (1) THE SECRETARY SHALL ESTABLISH, BY REGULATION, AN
4 ADMINISTRATIVE PROCESS TO REVIEW GRADUATED SANCTIONS CONTESTED BY
5 SUPERVISED INDIVIDUALS UNDER § 6-305 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

6 (2) THE REVIEW SHALL BE CONDUCTED BY AN IMPARTIAL
7 DIVISION EMPLOYEE OR REPRESENTATIVE WHO HAS BEEN SELECTED,
8 APPOINTED, AND TRAINED TO HEAR CASES REGARDING GRADUATED SANCTIONS
9 FOR VIOLATIONS OF SUPERVISION CONDITIONS.

10 6-304.

11 FOR INDIVIDUALS PLACED ON PROBATION, THE COURT HAVING
12 JURISDICTION OF THE CASE:

13 (1) SHALL DETERMINE THE CONDITIONS OF COMMUNITY
14 SUPERVISION; AND

15 (2) MAY IMPOSE AS A CONDITION OF COMMUNITY SUPERVISION
16 THAT THE DIVISION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 6-305 OF THIS SUBTITLE, MAY
17 IMPOSE GRADUATED SANCTIONS ADOPTED BY THE DIVISION FOR VIOLATIONS
18 OF THE CONDITIONS OF COMMUNITY SUPERVISION.

19 6-305.

20 (A) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY LAW OR RULE TO THE CONTRARY, THE
21 DIVISION MAY:

22 (1) MODIFY THE CONDITIONS OF COMMUNITY SUPERVISION FOR
23 THE LIMITED PURPOSE OF IMPOSING GRADUATED SANCTIONS; AND

24 (2) PLACE A SUPERVISED INDIVIDUAL WHO VIOLATES THE
25 CONDITIONS OF COMMUNITY SUPERVISION IN A STATE OR LOCAL
26 CORRECTIONAL FACILITY OR RESIDENTIAL CENTER FOR A PERIOD OF NOT
27 MORE THAN 5 CONSECUTIVE DAYS, AND NOT MORE THAN 30 DAYS IN ANY ONE
28 CALENDAR YEAR.

29 (B) A SUPERVISION OFFICER WHO INTENDS TO MODIFY THE
30 CONDITIONS OF COMMUNITY SUPERVISION BY IMPOSING A GRADUATED
31 SANCTION SHALL ISSUE TO THE SUPERVISED INDIVIDUAL A NOTICE OF THE
32 INTENDED SANCTION THAT SHALL INFORM THE SUPERVISED INDIVIDUAL OF:

1 (1) THE TECHNICAL VIOLATION ALLEGED;

2 (2) THE DATE OF THE VIOLATION; AND

3 (3) THE GRADUATED SANCTION TO BE IMPOSED.

4 (C) (1) THE IMPOSITION OF A GRADUATED SANCTION BY A
5 SUPERVISION OFFICER MUST COMPORT WITH THE SYSTEM OF GRADUATED
6 SANCTIONS ADOPTED BY THE DIVISION UNDER § 6-303 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

7 (2) UPON RECEIPT OF THE NOTICE OF INTENDED SANCTION, THE
8 SUPERVISED INDIVIDUAL SHALL IMMEDIATELY ACCEPT OR OBJECT TO THE
9 SANCTION PROPOSED BY THE SUPERVISION OFFICER.

10 (3) THE FAILURE OF THE SUPERVISED INDIVIDUAL TO COMPLY
11 WITH A SANCTION SHALL CONSTITUTE A VIOLATION OF PROBATION, PAROLE,
12 OR MANDATORY SUPERVISION.

13 (4) IF THE SUPERVISED INDIVIDUAL OBJECTS TO THE
14 IMPOSITION OF THE SANCTION, THE INDIVIDUAL IS ENTITLED TO AN
15 ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW TO BE CONDUCTED BY THE DIVISION WITHIN 5 DAYS
16 OF THE ISSUANCE OF THE NOTICE.

17 (5) IF THE DIVISION AFFIRMS THE RECOMMENDATION
18 CONTAINED IN THE NOTICE, THE SANCTION SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE
19 IMMEDIATELY.

20 (D) (1) IF THE GRADUATED SANCTION INVOLVES CONFINEMENT IN A
21 CORRECTIONAL OR DETENTION FACILITY, CONFINEMENT MUST BE APPROVED
22 BY THE CHIEF SUPERVISION OFFICER, BUT THE SUPERVISED INDIVIDUAL MAY
23 BE TAKEN INTO CUSTODY FOR UP TO 4 HOURS WHILE THE APPROVAL IS
24 OBTAINED.

25 (2) IF THE SUPERVISED INDIVIDUAL IS EMPLOYED, THE
26 SUPERVISION OFFICER, TO THE EXTENT FEASIBLE, SHALL IMPOSE THE
27 SANCTION UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION ON WEEKEND DAYS OR
28 OTHER DAYS AND TIMES WHEN THE SUPERVISED INDIVIDUAL IS NOT WORKING.

29 (E) A SANCTION THAT CONFINES A SUPERVISED INDIVIDUAL IN A
30 CORRECTIONAL FACILITY FOR A PERIOD OF MORE THAN 5 CONSECUTIVE DAYS,
31 OR EXTENDS THE TERM OF COMMUNITY SUPERVISION, MAY NOT BE IMPOSED AS
32 A GRADUATED SANCTION, EXCEPT BY ORDER OF THE COURT.

1 **(F) (1) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS**
2 **SUBSECTION, A NOTICE OF A GRADUATED SANCTION MAY NOT BE ISSUED FOR**
3 **ANY VIOLATION OF PROBATION, PAROLE, OR POSTRELEASE SUPERVISION THAT**
4 **COULD RESULT IN AN ADDITIONAL, SEPARATE FELONY CHARGE.**

5 **(2) A NOTICE OF A GRADUATED SANCTION MAY BE ISSUED FOR A**
6 **POSITIVE DRUG TEST.**

7 **(G) ON SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF A GRADUATED SANCTION, A**
8 **COURT MAY NOT REVOKE THE TERM OF COMMUNITY SUPERVISION OR IMPOSE**
9 **ADDITIONAL SANCTIONS FOR THE SAME VIOLATION.**

10 **(H) IF A SUPERVISION OFFICER MODIFIES THE CONDITIONS OF**
11 **COMMUNITY SUPERVISION BY IMPOSING A GRADUATED SANCTION, THE**
12 **OFFICER SHALL:**

13 **(1) DELIVER A COPY OF THE MODIFIED CONDITIONS TO THE**
14 **SUPERVISED INDIVIDUAL;**

15 **(2) FILE A COPY OF THE MODIFIED CONDITIONS WITH THE**
16 **SENTENCING COURT OR RELEASING AUTHORITY; AND**

17 **(3) NOTE THE DATE OF DELIVERY OF THE COPY IN THE**
18 **SUPERVISED INDIVIDUAL'S FILE.**

19 **6-306.**

20 **THE CHIEF SUPERVISION OFFICER SHALL REVIEW CONFINEMENT**
21 **SANCTIONS RECOMMENDED BY SUPERVISION OFFICERS ON A QUARTERLY BASIS**
22 **TO:**

23 **(1) ASSESS ANY DISPARITIES THAT MAY EXIST AMONG OFFICERS;**

24 **(2) EVALUATE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE SANCTION AS**
25 **MEASURED BY THE SUPERVISED INDIVIDUALS' SUBSEQUENT CONDUCT; AND**

26 **(3) MONITOR THE IMPACT ON THE DIVISION'S NUMBER AND TYPE**
27 **OF REVOCATIONS FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE CONDITIONS OF SUPERVISION.**

28 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That if any provision of this**
29 **Act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid for any**
30 **reason in a court of competent jurisdiction, the invalidity does not affect other**
31 **provisions or any other application of this Act which can be given effect without the**

1 invalid provision or application, and for this purpose the provisions of this Act are
2 declared severable.

3 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
4 October 1, 2011. It shall remain effective for a period of 4 years and, at the end of
5 September 30, 2015, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act
6 shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.