

HOUSE BILL 650

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By: **Delegate Waldstreicher (By Request – Task Force on Prisoner Reentry)**
and Delegates Anderson, Barnes, Carter, Clippinger, Davis, Gaines,
Haynes, Hough, Ivey, McIntosh, Mitchell, Pena–Melynk, Proctor,
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Introduced and read first time: February 8, 2012

Assigned to: Judiciary

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Correctional Services – Diminution Credits – Educational Accomplishment**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing a certain inmate to receive a certain deduction from
4 the inmate’s term of confinement for earning a certain diploma, degree,
5 certification, or certificate of completion; requiring the Commissioner of
6 Correction to adopt certain regulations; and generally relating to the terms of
7 confinement of inmates.

8 BY adding to

9 Article – Correctional Services

10 Section 3–706.1

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

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

15 **Article – Correctional Services**

16 **3–706.1.**

17 **(A) IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER DEDUCTIONS ALLOWED UNDER THIS**
18 **SUBTITLE, AN INMATE MAY BE ALLOWED A DEDUCTION OF 60 DAYS FROM THE**
19 **INMATE’S TERM OF CONFINEMENT FOR EACH OF THE FOLLOWING EARNED BY**
20 **THE INMATE:**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(1) A GENERAL EQUIVALENCY DIPLOMA OR A HIGH SCHOOL**
2 **DIPLOMA;**

3 **(2) A 2-YEAR OR 4-YEAR COLLEGE DEGREE;**

4 **(3) A 2-YEAR OR 4-YEAR CERTIFICATION IN APPLIED SCIENCES;**

5 **(4) A TECHNICAL EDUCATION DIPLOMA AS PROVIDED AND**
6 **DEFINED BY THE COMMISSIONER; OR**

7 **(5) A CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION FOR A CIVICS EDUCATION**
8 **PROGRAM THAT REQUIRES PASSING A FINAL EXAMINATION.**

9 **(B) THE COMMISSIONER SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE**
10 **DETERMINATION OF DEDUCTIONS AUTHORIZED UNDER THIS SECTION.**

11 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
12 October 1, 2012.