

SENATE BILL 885

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By: **Senator Peters**

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Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Correctional Services – Employee Caseloads – Disciplinary Actions**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Division of Parole and Probation to establish a
4 certain standard caseload for parole and probation employees; requiring the
5 caseload standard to be considered during employee disciplinary actions; and
6 generally relating to the performance of Division of Parole and Probation
7 employees.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article – Correctional Services
10 Section 6–104
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

13 BY adding to
14 Article – Correctional Services
15 Section 6–117
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2011 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 6–104.

22 (a) Subject to the authority of the Secretary and in addition to any other
23 duties established by law, the Division:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (1) shall:

2 (i) supervise the conduct of parolees;

3 (ii) supervise an individual under mandatory supervision until
4 the expiration of the individual's maximum term or terms of confinement;

5 **(III) ESTABLISH A STANDARD CASELOAD FOR PAROLE AND**
6 **PROBATION EMPLOYEES IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 6-117 OF THIS SUBTITLE;**

7 ~~[(iii)]~~ **(IV)** regularly inform the Commission of the activities of
8 offenders who are supervised by the Division;

9 ~~[(iv)]~~ **(V)** issue a warrant for the retaking of an offender
10 charged with a violation of a condition of parole or mandatory supervision, if this
11 authority is delegated by the Commission to the Director of the Division; and

12 ~~[(v)]~~ **(VI)** administer the Drinking Driver Monitor Program,
13 collect supervision fees, and adopt guidelines for collecting the monthly program fee
14 assessed in accordance with § 6-115 of this subtitle; and

15 (2) may recommend:

16 (i) that the Commission modify any condition of parole or
17 mandatory supervision; and

18 (ii) that the Commission issue a warrant for the retaking of an
19 offender.

20 (b) Funding for the Drinking Driver Monitor Program shall be as provided in
21 the State budget.

22 **6-117.**

23 **THE DIVISION SHALL:**

24 **(1) ESTABLISH A STANDARD CASELOAD FOR PAROLE AND**
25 **PROBATION EMPLOYEES OF 60 ACTIVE CASES; AND**

26 **(2) CONSIDER THE CASELOAD STANDARD UNDER PARAGRAPH (1)**
27 **OF THIS SECTION WHEN CONSIDERING DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS RELATED TO**
28 **EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE.**

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