

HOUSE BILL 698

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ENROLLED BILL
— *Judiciary/Finance* —

Introduced by **Delegates Pena–Melnyk, Braveboy, and A. Washington**

Read and Examined by Proofreaders:

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this

_____ day of _____ at _____ o'clock, _____ M.

Speaker.

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Ex–Offender Business Development Program Study**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Business and Economic
4 Development, the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation, and the
5 Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services jointly to study and
6 evaluate the feasibility of establishing a business development program for
7 ex–offenders and to identify certain funding sources for certain purposes;
8 requiring the Departments jointly to report their findings under this Act on or
9 before a certain date; and generally relating to business development for
10 ex–offenders.

11 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
12 MARYLAND, That:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.

Italics indicate opposite chamber/conference committee amendments.



1 (a) The Department of Business and Economic Development, the
 2 Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation, and the Department of Public Safety
 3 and Correctional Services jointly shall:

4 (1) study and evaluate the feasibility of establishing a business
 5 development program for ex-offenders that:

6 ~~(i) invests in businesses run by ex-offenders; and~~

7 ~~(ii)~~ provides business training for ex-offenders; and

8 (2) identify nongovernmental funding sources ~~to invest in ex-offender~~
 9 ~~businesses and~~ to fund training programs.

10 (b) On or before October 1, 2014, the Department of Business and Economic
 11 Development, the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation, and the
 12 Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services jointly shall report the findings
 13 under subsection (a) of this section, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State
 14 Government Article, to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Economic
 15 Matters Committee.

16 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
 17 October 1, 2013.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.