

# SENATE BILL 356

E4, C8

(3lr1698)

## *ENROLLED BILL*

— *Finance/Judiciary* —

Introduced by **Senators Pugh, Benson, Conway, Currie, Forehand, Jones-Rodwell, King, Klausmeier, Madaleno, Ramirez, and Zirkin**

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.

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President.

### 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:

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#### 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:

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Governor.

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President of the Senate.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.