

HOUSE BILL 842

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By: **Delegate Rosenberg**

Introduced and read first time: February 5, 2014

Assigned to: Judiciary

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Safety – Drug Treatment Court – Baltimore City**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Judiciary to include funding for certain purposes in
4 its annual budget submission to the General Assembly beginning in a certain
5 year; and generally relating to the Baltimore City Drug Treatment Court.

6 BY adding to

7 Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings

8 Section 1–610

9 Annotated Code of Maryland

10 (2013 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

11 Preamble

12 WHEREAS, Drug treatment courts are designed to guide offenders identified as
13 drug–addicted into treatment that will reduce drug dependence and improve the
14 quality of life for the offenders and their families; and

15 WHEREAS, As a public policy initiative, the drug court model was intended to
16 reduce criminal recidivism, increase public safety, and make more efficient and
17 effective use of resources in state and local criminal justice and community treatment
18 systems; and

19 WHEREAS, The State of Maryland recognizes the need to provide an adequate
20 number of residential and co–occurring drug treatment court slots at the Baltimore
21 City Drug Treatment Court; and

22 WHEREAS, The vast majority of the Baltimore City Drug Treatment Court
23 population relies on public transportation to attend daily program requirements; and

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 WHEREAS, It is increasingly apparent that Baltimore City Drug Treatment
2 Court participants do not have adequate financial resources to pay for public
3 transportation; and

4 WHEREAS, Officials of the Judiciary, the Department of Transportation, and
5 the City of Baltimore should work together to establish a program to cover the
6 transportation needs of Baltimore City Drug Treatment Court participants in an effort
7 to ensure the satisfactory completion of the drug court treatment program; now,
8 therefore,

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

11 **Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

12 **1-610.**

13 **FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER, THE**
14 **JUDICIARY SHALL INCLUDE IN ITS ANNUAL BUDGET SUBMISSION TO THE**
15 **GENERAL ASSEMBLY FUNDING TO:**

16 **(1) PROVIDE DRUG TREATMENT SERVICES TO, AT A MINIMUM,**
17 **THE SAME NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS THAT PARTICIPATED IN THE BALTIMORE**
18 **CITY DRUG TREATMENT COURT IN FISCAL YEAR 2013; AND**

19 **(2) PROVIDE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION, INCLUDING METRO BUS**
20 **FARE, FOR BALTIMORE CITY DRUG TREATMENT COURT PARTICIPANTS.**

21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
22 October 1, 2014.