

Chapter 42

(Senate Bill 602)

AN ACT concerning

Justice Reinvestment Coordinating Council

FOR the purpose of establishing the Justice Reinvestment Coordinating Council in the Governor’s Office of Crime Control and Prevention; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Council; prohibiting a member of the Council from receiving certain compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses; establishing the duties of the Council; requiring the Council to report its ~~interim and final~~ findings and recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly on or before a certain ~~dates~~ date; making this Act an emergency measure; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Justice Reinvestment Coordinating Council.

BY adding to

Article – Public Safety

Section 1–601 through 1–605 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 6. Justice Reinvestment Coordinating Council”

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2011 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

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

Article – Public Safety

SUBTITLE 6. JUSTICE REINVESTMENT COORDINATING COUNCIL.

1–601.

(A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(B) “COUNCIL” MEANS THE JUSTICE REINVESTMENT COORDINATING COUNCIL.

(C) “EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR” MEANS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE GOVERNOR’S OFFICE OF CRIME CONTROL AND PREVENTION.

(D) “OFFICE” MEANS THE GOVERNOR’S OFFICE OF CRIME CONTROL AND PREVENTION.

1-602.

THERE IS A JUSTICE REINVESTMENT COORDINATING COUNCIL IN THE OFFICE.

1-603.

(A) THE COUNCIL CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

(1) THREE MEMBERS OF THE SENATE OF MARYLAND, APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE;

(2) THREE MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, APPOINTED BY THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE;

(3) THE SECRETARY OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES, OR THE SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE;

(4) THE SECRETARY OF JUVENILE SERVICES, OR THE SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE;

(5) THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF MARYLAND, OR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S DESIGNEE;

(6) THE PUBLIC DEFENDER OF MARYLAND, OR THE PUBLIC DEFENDER'S DESIGNEE;

(7) A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE MARYLAND JUDICIARY, APPOINTED BY THE CHIEF JUDGE OF THE COURT OF APPEALS; AND

(8) THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS, APPOINTED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

(I) A REPRESENTATIVE OF LOCAL DETENTION CENTERS RECOMMENDED BY THE MARYLAND ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES;

(II) A REPRESENTATIVE OF LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES;

(III) A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE MARYLAND STATE'S ATTORNEYS ASSOCIATION; AND

(IV) ANY OTHER MEMBER WITH EXPERTISE RELEVANT TO THE WORK OF THE COUNCIL.

(B) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SHALL BE THE CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL.

(C) THE OFFICE SHALL PROVIDE STAFF FOR THE COUNCIL.

(D) A MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL:

(1) MAY NOT RECEIVE COMPENSATION AS A MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL; BUT

(2) IS ENTITLED TO REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES UNDER THE STANDARD STATE TRAVEL REGULATIONS.

1-604.

THE COUNCIL SHALL:

(1) CONVENE AN ADVISORY STAKEHOLDER GROUP THAT INCLUDES ORGANIZATIONS WITH EXPERIENCE IN:

(I) CRIMINAL JUSTICE POLICY REFORM;

(II) ADVOCATING FOR GROUPS WITH DISPROPORTIONATE CONTACT WITH THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM;

(III) ADVOCATING FOR VICTIMS OF CRIME; AND

(IV) COMMUNITY CONFERENCING AND MEDIATION FOR RESTORATIVE JUSTICE;

(2) WORKING WITH THE ADVISORY STAKEHOLDER GROUP, CONDUCT ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION FORUMS SEEKING PUBLIC INPUT IN ALL GEOGRAPHIC REGIONS OF THE STATE;

~~(1)~~ (3) USING A DATA-DRIVEN APPROACH, DEVELOP A STATEWIDE POLICY FRAMEWORK TO OF SENTENCING AND CORRECTIONS POLICIES TO FURTHER REDUCE THE STATE'S INCARCERATED POPULATION, REDUCE SPENDING ON CORRECTIONS, AND REINVEST IN STRATEGIES TO INCREASE PUBLIC SAFETY AND REDUCE RECIDIVISM; AND

~~(2)~~ (4) REQUEST TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE COUNCIL OF STATE GOVERNMENTS JUSTICE CENTER AND THE PUBLIC SAFETY PERFORMANCE PROJECT OF THE PEW CENTER ON THE STATES TO DEVELOP THE POLICY FRAMEWORK.

1-605.

THE COUNCIL SHALL REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

~~(1) THE INTERIM FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COUNCIL ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2016; AND~~

~~(2) THE FINAL FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COUNCIL ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2017~~ **DECEMBER 31, 2015.**

~~SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2015.~~ SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety, has been passed by a ye and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is enacted. It shall remain effective through December 31, 2018, and, at the end of December 31, 2018, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Approved by the Governor, April 14, 2015.