

HOUSE BILL 1160

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By: **Delegates M. Washington, Anderson, Barron, Conaway, Fennell, Hill, Jackson, Kelly, Kittleman, J. Lewis, Moon, Patterson, Queen, Sanchez, Simonaire, Szeliga, and Wilkins**

Introduced and read first time: February 8, 2018

Assigned to: Judiciary

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Correctional Services – Prerelease Unit for Women**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Commissioner of Corrections to operate a prerelease unit
4 for women; requiring the prerelease unit for women to have certain programming;
5 requiring that the eligibility criteria for services and programming of the prerelease
6 unit for women be no more restrictive than the eligibility criteria for men’s prerelease
7 services and programs; and generally relating to prerelease units.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

9 Article – Correctional Services

10 Section 3–301

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2017 Replacement Volume)

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

15 **Article – Correctional Services**

16 3–301.

17 **(A)** The Commissioner [may] SHALL operate a prerelease unit for women.

18 **(B) THE PRERELEASE UNIT FOR WOMEN SHALL HAVE PROGRAMMING THAT**
19 **PROVIDES WOMEN WITH A RANGE AND QUALITY OF SERVICES SUBSTANTIALLY**
20 **EQUIVALENT TO THOSE OFFERED TO MEN, INCLUDING A COMMUNITY–BASED**
21 **CORRECTIONAL FACILITY.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(C) THE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR SERVICES AND PROGRAMS OF THE**
2 **PRERELEASE UNIT FOR WOMEN SHALL BE NO MORE RESTRICTIVE THAN THE**
3 **ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR MEN'S PRERELEASE SERVICES AND PROGRAMS.**

4 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
5 October 1, 2018.