

SENATE BILL 821

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By: **Senators Washington, Benson, Carter, Hayes, Lee, Nathan–Pulliam, West, and Young**

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Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Correctional Services – Prerelease Unit**

3 FOR the purpose of defining the term “prerelease unit” as it relates to prerelease services
4 provided by the Division of Correction; and generally relating to prerelease units.

5 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
6 Article – Correctional Services
7 Section 3–101(a), 3–301, and 3–303
8 Annotated Code of Maryland
9 (2017 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

10 BY adding to
11 Article – Correctional Services
12 Section 3–101(d)
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2017 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

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

17 **Article – Correctional Services**

18 3–101.

19 (a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.

20 (D) **“PRERELEASE UNIT” MEANS A SEPARATE STRUCTURE IN WHICH THE**
21 **SERVICES ENUMERATED IN § 3–303(B) OF THIS TITLE ARE PROVIDED AND THAT HAS**
22 **SECURITY FEATURES FOR AN INMATE WHO:**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



- 1 **(1) PRESENTS THE LEAST RISK OF VIOLENCE;**
2 **(2) PRESENTS THE LEAST RISK OF ESCAPE; AND**
3 **(3) HAS A RECORD OF SATISFACTORY INSTITUTIONAL BEHAVIOR.**

4 3-301.

5 The Commissioner may operate a prerelease unit for women.

6 3-303.

7 (a) The Commissioner shall:

8 (1) develop comprehensive rehabilitative prerelease services; and

9 (2) make these services available to inmates of a prerelease unit for
10 women.

11 (b) The comprehensive rehabilitative prerelease services shall:

12 (1) assist inmates in improving their education, upgrading vocational
13 skills, and obtaining suitable employment;

14 (2) provide inmates with the opportunity to strengthen family and
15 community relationships through extended family leave;

16 (3) assist inmates in improving their physical and mental health and
17 reducing any tendency to abuse alcohol or drugs; and

18 (4) provide appropriate counseling, instruction, supervision, and medical
19 and psychological treatment as necessary to help inmates achieve stable and productive
20 roles in society.

21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
22 October 1, 2019.