

# HOUSE BILL 1566

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By: **Delegates Wilkins and Mosby**

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Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Correctional Enterprises – Workgroup on Vocational Training and**  
3 **Placement**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Commissioner of Correction and the Chief Executive  
5 Officer of Maryland Correctional Enterprises to establish and convene a vocational  
6 training and placement workgroup for certain purposes; requiring the workgroup to  
7 study certain issues and make recommendations to Maryland Correctional  
8 Enterprises; providing for the membership of the workgroup; requiring the  
9 workgroup to invite the participation of and consult with certain stakeholders;  
10 requiring Maryland Correctional Enterprises to make a certain annual report to the  
11 General Assembly; and generally relating to Maryland Correctional Enterprises.

12 BY adding to

13 Article – Correctional Services

14 Section 3–513.1

15 Annotated Code of Maryland

16 (2017 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

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

19 **Article – Correctional Services**

20 **3–513.1.**

21 **(A) (1) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 2020, THE COMMISSIONER AND THE**  
22 **CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER SHALL ESTABLISH AND CONVENE A VOCATIONAL**  
23 **TRAINING AND PLACEMENT WORKGROUP TO:**

24 **(I) SET SPECIFIC GOALS AND METRICS FOR IMPROVING THE**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 RATE OF PLACEMENT OF FORMERLY INCARCERATED INDIVIDUALS IN MEANINGFUL,  
2 SUSTAINABLE EMPLOYMENT; AND

3 (II) EXPLORE BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS WITH POTENTIAL  
4 EMPLOYERS TO ATTAIN GAINFUL EMPLOYMENT OF FORMERLY INCARCERATED  
5 INDIVIDUALS.

6 (2) THE WORKGROUP SHALL STUDY AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS  
7 TO MARYLAND CORRECTIONAL ENTERPRISES ON:

8 (I) TRAINING IN INTERPERSONAL, EDUCATIONAL, AND  
9 TECHNICAL SKILLS TO IMPROVE EMPLOYABILITY AND PREPARATION OF  
10 INDIVIDUALS IN PERMANENT JOBS; AND

11 (II) OUTREACH TO MARYLAND BUSINESSES FOR PLACEMENT.

12 (B) THE WORKGROUP SHALL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS:

13 (1) THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR THE DIVISION OF WORKFORCE  
14 DEVELOPMENT AND ADULT LEARNING IN THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF  
15 LABOR;

16 (2) THE ASSISTANT STATE SUPERINTENDENT FOR THE DIVISION OF  
17 CAREER TECHNOLOGY AND ADULT LEARNING IN THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF  
18 EDUCATION;

19 (3) THE COMMISSIONER OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY IN THE  
20 MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF LABOR; AND

21 (4) THE DIRECTOR OF THE CORRECTIONAL EDUCATION PROGRAM  
22 IN THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF LABOR.

23 (C) THE WORKGROUP SHALL INVITE THE PARTICIPATION OF AND CONSULT  
24 WITH THE FOLLOWING STAKEHOLDERS:

25 (1) MARYLAND BUSINESSES THAT ARE CURRENT OR POTENTIAL  
26 EMPLOYERS OF FORMERLY INCARCERATED EMPLOYEES OF MARYLAND  
27 CORRECTIONAL ENTERPRISES;

28 (2) EXPERTS IN REENTRY AND EMPLOYMENT; AND

29 (3) NONPROFIT AND COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE  
30 WORKFORCE PROVIDERS, TRAINERS, AND ADVOCATES.

1           (D) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1 EACH YEAR, BASED ON THE  
2 RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE WORKGROUP, MARYLAND CORRECTIONAL  
3 ENTERPRISES SHALL REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
4 § 2-1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, ON RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE  
5 WORKGROUP ESTABLISHED IN THIS SECTION AND PROGRESS MADE IN ACHIEVING  
6 THE GOALS ESTABLISHED BY THE WORKGROUP.

7           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
8 October 1, 2020.