

# SENATE BILL 86

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By: **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor)**

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Assigned to: Finance

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Correctional Education – Changes to Mandatory Education Requirements**

3 FOR the purpose of increasing the number of required days for a certain mandatory  
4 education program for correctional institutions in the Division of Correction; and  
5 generally relating to correctional education.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

7 Article – Labor and Employment

8 Section 11–902(a)

9 Annotated Code of Maryland

10 (2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

12 Article – Labor and Employment

13 Section 11–902(b)

14 Annotated Code of Maryland

15 (2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

16 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

17 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

18 **Article – Labor and Employment**

19 11–902.

20 (a) (1) The Correctional Education Council shall develop and recommend an  
21 educational and workforce training program for each correctional institution in the Division  
22 of Correction.

23 (2) The programs shall meet the special needs and circumstances of the

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 inmates in each correctional institution.

2 (3) If the Justice Reinvestment Oversight Board makes a funding  
3 recommendation under § 9–3207(b)(6) of the State Government Article, a post–secondary  
4 education and workforce training program, in accordance with the funding  
5 recommendation, shall provide inmates with the requisite training, certifications, and  
6 experience to obtain careers in in–demand job sectors.

7 (b) (1) The Council shall adopt regulations for all correctional institutions in  
8 the Division of Correction for the implementation of a mandatory education program for all  
9 inmates who fail to attain a minimum educational standard as set forth in this subsection.

10 (2) The regulations adopted by the Council shall:

11 (i) require that the educational standard shall be the attainment of  
12 a General Educational Development (GED) diploma or a verified high school diploma;

13 (ii) apply only to any inmate who:

14 1. was received by the Division of Correction after July 1,  
15 1987;

16 2. has 18 months or more remaining to be served before a  
17 mandatory supervision release date;

18 3. is not exempted due to a medical, developmental, or  
19 learning disability; and

20 4. does not possess a General Educational Development  
21 (GED) diploma or a verified high school diploma; and

22 (iii) require any inmate who is not exempted under item (ii)3 of this  
23 paragraph to participate in:

24 1. the mandatory education program for at least [120] **240**  
25 calendar days; or

26 2. a workforce skills training program.

27 (3) The Division of Correction shall report to the Parole Commission the  
28 academic progress of an inmate in the mandatory education program.

29 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
30 October 1, 2021.