

HOUSE BILL 25

E4, E5
HB 1334/21 – HRU

(PRE-FILED)

2lr0873

By: **Delegate Amprey**
Requested: October 20, 2021
Introduced and read first time: January 12, 2022
Assigned to: Judiciary

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Rehabilitation and Education for All Prisons (REAP) Act**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services
4 to set certain goals relating to rehabilitation programs and establish certain tracking
5 systems relating to rehabilitation programs; requiring the State Department of
6 Education and the Department of Human Services to assist the Department of Public
7 Safety and Correctional Services in establishing certain tracking systems; requiring
8 the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to assist inmates in
9 accessing certain federal education grants; and generally relating to rehabilitation
10 and education for inmates.

11 BY adding to
12 Article – Correctional Services
13 Section 2–701 through 2–703 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 7. Rehabilitation
14 and Education for All Prisons Act”
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2017 Replacement Volume and 2021 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 **SUBTITLE 7. REHABILITATION AND EDUCATION FOR ALL PRISONS ACT.**

21 **2–701.**

22 **(A) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL:**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (1) SET GOALS FOR THE NUMBER OF INMATES IN REHABILITATION
2 PROGRAMS;

3 (2) ESTABLISH A TRACKING SYSTEM FOR THE NUMBER OF INMATES
4 IN REHABILITATION PROGRAMS; AND

5 (3) ESTABLISH A TRACKING SYSTEM FOR THE PROGRESS OF INMATES
6 IN REHABILITATION PROGRAMS, INCLUDING THE NUMBER OF COLLEGE CREDITS
7 THAT EACH INMATE EARNS IN AN APPROVED COLLEGE PROGRAM.

8 (B) THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND THE DEPARTMENT OF
9 HUMAN SERVICES SHALL ASSIST THE DEPARTMENT IN CREATING THE TRACKING
10 SYSTEMS UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION.

11 (C) THE GOVERNOR SHALL PROVIDE FUNDING ANNUALLY IN THE BUDGET
12 BILL FOR THE DEPARTMENT TO USE FOR REHABILITATION PROGRAMS, MARKETING
13 REHABILITATION PROGRAMS TO INMATES, AND THE TRACKING SYSTEMS FOR
14 REHABILITATION PROGRAMS.

15 **2-702.**

16 (A) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ASSIST INMATES IN ACCESSING FEDERAL
17 PELL GRANTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION.

18 (B) IN ORDER TO ASSIST INMATES IN ACCESSING FEDERAL PELL GRANTS,
19 THE DEPARTMENT SHALL CONSULT WITH INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION,
20 INCLUDING:

21 (1) THE UNIVERSITY OF BALTIMORE;

22 (2) MORGAN STATE UNIVERSITY;

23 (3) BOWIE STATE UNIVERSITY; AND

24 (4) THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND GLOBAL CAMPUS.

25 **2-703.**

26 THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THIS
27 SUBTITLE.

28 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
29 October 1, 2022.