

# HOUSE BILL 278

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By: **Delegate Davis**

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Assigned to: Judiciary

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Correctional Services – Inmate Cost-of-Living Report – Maryland Correctional**  
3 **Enterprises Diversity Report**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Commissioner of Correction to include in a certain report  
5 certain statistics related to the cost of living of inmates at certain facilities; requiring  
6 the Division of Correction to include in a certain report regarding Maryland  
7 Correctional Enterprises certain statistics regarding the race, age, and sex of certain  
8 inmates, disaggregated in a certain manner; and generally relating to inmates.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
10 Article – Correctional Services  
11 Section 3–207 and 3–509  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (2017 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

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

16 **Article – Correctional Services**

17 3–207.

18 (a) On or before October 31 of each year, the Commissioner shall submit an  
19 annual report to the Secretary and the Governor that states, for each correctional facility  
20 in the Division:

21 (1) its expenses, receipts, disbursements, condition, and progress;

22 (2) the number of inmates and each inmate’s age, sex, race, place of birth  
23 and conviction, crime, and term of confinement;

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (3) the number of inmates who escape, are pardoned, or discharged;

2 (4) the job classifications for inmate labor in each department and facility  
3 under the authority of the Division;

4 (5) the daily wage scale at each prison for each job classification under the  
5 authority of the Division;

6 (6) the total number of inmates currently employed at facilities under the  
7 authority of the Division, disaggregated by facility; [and]

8 **(7) THE ANNUAL COST OF LIVING FOR INMATES, INCLUDING THE**  
9 **AVERAGE COST OF:**

10 **(I) TELEPHONE CALLS, INCLUDING CALLS TO MEDICAL**  
11 **PROVIDERS;**

12 **(II) VIDEO CALLS; AND**

13 **(III) ITEMS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AT A COMMISSARY,**  
14 **INCLUDING:**

15 **1. FEMININE HYGIENE PRODUCTS;**

16 **2. TOILETRIES; AND**

17 **3. MEDICATIONS; AND**

18 **[(7)] (8)** any remarks and suggestions the Commissioner considers  
19 necessary to advance the interests of the correctional facility.

20 (b) The Commissioner shall submit with the report required by subsection (a) of  
21 this section a statement similar to the statement that is required to be submitted under §  
22 3–206 of this subtitle.

23 (c) The Commissioner shall verify the report and statement required by this  
24 section.

25 (d) Subject to § 2–1257 of the State Government Article, the Governor shall  
26 submit to the General Assembly the report and statement required under this section and  
27 any recommendations that the Governor considers expedient.

28 3–509.

29 (a) Annually, the Division shall submit a complete financial and operational

1 report of Maryland Correctional Enterprises and the Maryland Correctional Enterprises  
2 revolving fund to:

3 (1) the Governor;

4 (2) the Secretary; and

5 (3) the Secretary of Budget and Management.

6 (b) The report required under subsection (a) of this section shall:

7 (1) be in the same general form as a report by the Division on its operations  
8 and programs;

9 (2) include information about present and projected personnel and  
10 compensation requirements of Maryland Correctional Enterprises;

11 (3) list the job classifications for inmate labor in each department and  
12 facility under the authority of Maryland Correctional Enterprises;

13 (4) list the daily wage scale at each prison for each job classification under  
14 the authority of Maryland Correctional Enterprises; [and]

15 (5) list the total number of inmates currently employed at facilities under  
16 the authority of Maryland Correctional Enterprises, disaggregated by facility; AND

17 **(6) LIST THE RACE, AGE, AND SEX OF INMATES CURRENTLY**  
18 **EMPLOYED AT FACILITIES UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF MARYLAND CORRECTIONAL**  
19 **ENTERPRISES, DISAGGREGATED BY JOB CLASSIFICATION AND WAGE SCALE.**

20 (c) The Governor, the Secretary, and the Secretary of Budget and Management  
21 may include data from the report submitted under this section in the preparation of the  
22 budget and capital improvement bill.

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