

SENATE BILL 765

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SB 636/11 – JPR

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By: **Senator Sydnor**

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Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Probation – Probation Work Readiness Pilot Program**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Probation Work Readiness Pilot Program to provide
4 dedicated services for individuals placed on probation to obtain and retain
5 employment; and generally relating to the Probation Work Readiness Pilot Program.

6 BY adding to

7 Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings

8 Section 3–2301 and 3–2302 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 23. Probation Work
9 Readiness Pilot Program”

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

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

14 **Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

15 **SUBTITLE 23. PROBATION WORK READINESS PILOT PROGRAM.**

16 **3–2301.**

17 **THIS SUBTITLE APPLIES ONLY:**

18 **(1) IN A COUNTY IN WHICH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY**
19 **AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES HAS ESTABLISHED A PROBATION WORK READINESS**
20 **PILOT PROGRAM UNDER § 3–2302 OF THIS SUBTITLE; AND**

21 **(2) TO THE EXTENT THAT FUNDS ARE PROVIDED IN AN ANNUAL**
22 **STATE BUDGET FOR A PROBATION WORK READINESS PILOT PROGRAM.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **3-2302.**

2 (A) THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES
3 SHALL ESTABLISH A PROBATION WORK READINESS PILOT PROGRAM IN AT LEAST
4 TWO COUNTIES IN THE STATE.

5 (B) THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO PROVIDE DEDICATED SERVICES
6 FOR INDIVIDUALS PLACED ON PROBATION TO OBTAIN AND RETAIN EMPLOYMENT.

7 (C) THE PROGRAM SHALL:

8 (1) PROVIDE DEDICATED SERVICES FOR INDIVIDUALS PLACED ON
9 PROBATION TO OBTAIN AND RETAIN EMPLOYMENT;

10 (2) SPECIALIZE IN THE EMPLOYMENT NEEDS OF INDIVIDUALS ON
11 PROBATION;

12 (3) ACTIVELY RECRUIT EMPLOYERS WHO ARE RECEPTIVE TO
13 EMPLOYING INDIVIDUALS ON PROBATION;

14 (4) PROVIDE JOB TRAINING TO PARTICIPANTS BASED ON IDENTIFIED
15 NEEDS; AND

16 (5) IMPLEMENT A DATA MANAGEMENT SYSTEM TO PROVIDE
17 DETAILED INFORMATION ON THE OUTCOMES OF PARTICIPANTS IN THE PROGRAM.

18 (D) THE DIVISION OF PAROLE AND PROBATION WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT
19 OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES SHALL DEVELOP GUIDELINES
20 FOR THE PROGRAM, INCLUDING:

21 (1) CRITERIA FOR THE SELECTION OF PROVIDERS OF EMPLOYMENT
22 SERVICES UNDER THE PROGRAM;

23 (2) CRITERIA FOR THE SELECTION OF PARTICIPANTS IN THE
24 PROGRAM;

25 (3) LIMITS ON THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS IN THE
26 PROGRAM;

27 (4) STIPENDS PAID TO PARTICIPANTS IN THE PROGRAM, WHICH
28 SHALL BE AT A MINIMUM EQUAL TO THE LIVING WAGE, AS DEFINED IN § 18-103 OF
29 THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE; AND

1 **(5) PERFORMANCE GOALS FOR THE PROGRAM.**

2 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, on or before October 1, 2023,
3 and October 1, 2024, the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services shall
4 submit a report to the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State
5 Government Article, that evaluates the Probation Work Readiness Pilot Program
6 established by this Act.

7 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
8 1, 2022. Section 1 of this Act shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and, at the end of
9 June 30, 2024, Section 1 of this Act, with no further action required by the General
10 Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.