

SENATE BILL 27

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By: **Senator West**

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Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Criminal Procedure – Restorative Justice Program**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Restorative Justice Program within the Victim
4 Services Unit of the Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim
5 Services; establishing the position of Restorative Justice Legal Specialist, the
6 Restorative Justice Program Revolving Fund, and the Maryland Restorative Justice
7 Council; and generally relating to restorative justice.

8 BY adding to

9 Article – Correctional Services

10 Section 9–618

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2017 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

13 BY adding to

14 Article – Criminal Procedure

15 Section 11–502; and 11–1201 through 11–1206 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle
16 12. Restorative Justice Program”

17 Annotated Code of Maryland

18 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

19 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

20 Article – Criminal Procedure

21 Section 11–914(9)

22 Annotated Code of Maryland

23 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

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

25 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **Article – Correctional Services**

2 **9–618.**

3 **(A) (1) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DEVELOP POSTERS INFORMING AN**
4 **INMATE OF THE RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE RESTORATIVE JUSTICE PROGRAM**
5 **UNDER TITLE 11, SUBTITLE 12 OF THE CRIMINAL PROCEDURE ARTICLE.**

6 **(2) EACH CORRECTIONAL FACILITY SHALL PROMINENTLY DISPLAY**
7 **THE POSTERS CREATED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION.**

8 **(B) EACH CORRECTIONAL FACILITY SHALL IMPLEMENT STANDARDS SET BY**
9 **THE MARYLAND RESTORATIVE JUSTICE COUNCIL TO FACILITATE AN INMATE’S**
10 **PARTICIPATION IN THE RESTORATIVE JUSTICE PROGRAM.**

11 **Article – Criminal Procedure**

12 **11–502.**

13 **FOLLOWING CONVICTION OR ADJUDICATION AND SENTENCING OF A**
14 **DEFENDANT, OR DISPOSITION OF A CASE INVOLVING A CHILD RESPONDENT, THE**
15 **STATE’S ATTORNEY SHALL:**

16 **(1) NOTIFY THE VICTIM OR THE VICTIM’S REPRESENTATIVE OF THE**
17 **VICTIM’S RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE RESTORATIVE JUSTICE PROGRAM UNDER**
18 **SUBTITLE 12 OF THIS TITLE; AND**

19 **(2) PROVIDE THE VICTIM OR THE VICTIM’S REPRESENTATIVE WITH**
20 **THE INFORMATION DEVELOPED UNDER § 11–914(9) OF THIS TITLE REGARDING HOW**
21 **TO REQUEST PARTICIPATION IN THE RESTORATIVE JUSTICE PROGRAM.**

22 11–914.

23 Subject to the authority of the Executive Director, the Board shall:

24 **(9) (i) develop pamphlets to notify victims and victim’s representatives**
25 **of the rights, services, and procedures provided under Article 47 of the Maryland**
26 **Declaration of Rights or State law, how to request information regarding an unsolved case,**
27 **[and] how to request that an offender be placed on electronic monitoring or electronic**
28 **monitoring with victim stay-away alert technology, AND HOW TO REQUEST**
29 **PARTICIPATION IN THE RESTORATIVE JUSTICE PROGRAM UNDER SUBTITLE 12 OF**
30 **THIS TITLE, including:**

31 1. one pamphlet relating to the MDEC system protocol

1 registration process and the time before and after the filing of a charging document other
2 than an indictment or information in circuit court; and

3 2. a second pamphlet relating to the time after the filing of
4 an indictment or information in circuit court; and

5 (ii) develop a poster to notify victims of the right to request a private
6 room in a law enforcement agency or unit to report crimes under Title 3 of the Criminal
7 Law Article; and

8 **SUBTITLE 12. RESTORATIVE JUSTICE PROGRAM.**

9 **11-1201.**

10 **(A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS**
11 **INDICATED.**

12 **(B) “COUNCIL” MEANS THE MARYLAND RESTORATIVE JUSTICE COUNCIL.**

13 **(C) “MDEC” MEANS THE MARYLAND ELECTRONIC COURTS SYSTEM.**

14 **(D) “OFFENDER” MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL:**

15 **(1) CHARGED WITH OR FOUND GUILTY OF A CRIME; OR**

16 **(2) ALLEGED TO HAVE COMMITTED OR FOUND TO HAVE COMMITTED**
17 **A DELINQUENT ACT.**

18 **(E) “OFFENSE” MEANS:**

19 **(1) A CHARGE LISTED IN A CHARGING DOCUMENT IN A CRIMINAL**
20 **CASE; OR**

21 **(2) A CHARGE LISTED IN A PETITION ALLEGING A DELINQUENT ACT.**

22 **(F) “PROGRAM” MEANS THE RESTORATIVE JUSTICE PROGRAM**
23 **ESTABLISHED UNDER § 11-1203 OF THIS SUBTITLE.**

24 **(G) “TRAUMA-INFORMED METHODOLOGY” MEANS A METHODOLOGY:**

25 **(1) BASED ON AN UNDERSTANDING OF AND A RESPONSIVENESS TO**
26 **THE IMPACT OF TRAUMA ON AN INDIVIDUAL;**

27 **(2) THAT EMPHASIZES THE PHYSICAL, PSYCHOLOGICAL, AND**

1 EMOTIONAL SAFETY OF PARTIES; AND

2 (3) THAT CREATES AN OPPORTUNITY FOR AN INDIVIDUAL TO
3 REBUILD A SENSE OF CONTROL AND EMPOWERMENT.

4 (H) (1) "VICTIM" INCLUDES A VICTIM'S REPRESENTATIVE AS DEFINED
5 UNDER § 11-401 OF THIS TITLE.

6 (2) "VICTIM" DOES NOT INCLUDE AN OFFENDER OR AN INDIVIDUAL
7 WHO ADVOCATES FOR AN OFFENDER.

8 (I) "VICTIM SERVICES UNIT" MEANS THE VICTIM SERVICES UNIT WITHIN
9 THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF CRIME PREVENTION, YOUTH, AND VICTIM SERVICES
10 ESTABLISHED UNDER § 11-1102 OF THIS TITLE.

11 11-1202.

12 (A) THE PURPOSE OF THIS SUBTITLE IS TO:

13 (1) AMELIORATE THE HARMFUL EFFECTS OF OFFENSES ON A VICTIM
14 IN A MANNER THAT TREATS THE VICTIM WITH DIGNITY, RESPECT, AND SENSITIVITY;

15 (2) ADDRESS THE RATES OF INCARCERATION AND COMMITMENT OF
16 OFFENDERS;

17 (3) REINFORCE THAT:

18 (I) WHILE THE STATE IS A PARTY IN MATTERS OF THE JUSTICE
19 SYSTEM AND A VICTIM IS NOT A PARTY, A VICTIM HAS BEEN HARMED BY AN OFFENSE
20 AND THE VICTIM HAS PARTICIPATORY RIGHTS IN THE JUSTICE SYSTEM UNDER THE
21 CONSTITUTION AND LAWS OF THE STATE;

22 (II) A VICTIM HAS A CRITICAL NEED FOR ACKNOWLEDGMENT,
23 INFORMATION, PRIVACY, SAFETY, RESTITUTION, AND INVOLVEMENT IN MATTERS OF
24 THE JUSTICE SYSTEM;

25 (III) THERE IS A NEED TO CREATE MEANINGFUL CHANGE IN AN
26 OFFENDER AND THAT ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS ARE NEEDED TO IMPACT RATES OF
27 RECIDIVISM;

28 (IV) THERE IS A NEED TO FOCUS ON THE HARM TO A VICTIM AS
29 WELL AS THE NEEDS OF AN OFFENDER AND OF AFFECTED COMMUNITIES BY USING
30 TRAUMA-INFORMED METHODOLOGIES;

1 **(V) THERE IS A NEED FOR AN OFFENDER AND COMMUNITIES TO**
2 **ACKNOWLEDGE AND TO MAKE A VICTIM AS WHOLE AS POSSIBLE TO MAKE RIGHT THE**
3 **HARM THAT HAS OCCURRED TO THE VICTIM;**

4 **(VI) DEVELOPING AN INCLUSIVE PROCESS THAT INVOLVES**
5 **VICTIMS AND OFFENDERS CREATES AN OPPORTUNITY FOR BETTER JUSTICE FOR**
6 **ALL; AND**

7 **(VII) RESTORATIVE JUSTICE AS A PRACTICE AND AS A POLICY**
8 **SOLUTION IS UNIQUELY SITUATED TO ADDRESS ISSUES IN THE JUSTICE SYSTEM AS**
9 **IT ATTEMPTS TO REPAIR THE HARM CAUSED TO THE VICTIM AND ENCOURAGES**
10 **BEHAVIORAL CHANGE IN OFFENDERS;**

11 **(4) CREATE A VICTIM-CENTERED APPROACH OF RESTORATIVE**
12 **JUSTICE THAT SEEKS AND OBTAINS POSITIVE OUTCOMES FOR VICTIMS, OFFENDERS,**
13 **AND COMMUNITIES;**

14 **(5) DEVELOP A RESTORATIVE JUSTICE APPROACH AS AN OPTION FOR**
15 **APPROPRIATE MATTERS OF THE JUSTICE SYSTEM THAT ENSURES THE BALANCING**
16 **OF:**

17 **(I) PUBLIC SAFETY AND THE PROTECTION OF THE COMMUNITY;**

18 **(II) ACCOUNTABILITY OF AN OFFENDER TO A VICTIM AND THE**
19 **COMMUNITY FOR AN OFFENSE COMMITTED;**

20 **(III) ACKNOWLEDGMENT BY AN OFFENDER OF THE HARM**
21 **CAUSED TO A VICTIM AND REPAIRING THAT HARM TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE; AND**

22 **(IV) UNDERSTANDING BY AN OFFENDER OF THE HARM CAUSED**
23 **AS A MEANS OF PROVIDING MEANINGFUL CHANGE IN THE BEHAVIOR OF THE**
24 **OFFENDER TO PREVENT RECIDIVISM; AND**

25 **(6) DEVELOP A POSTADJUDICATORY RESTORATIVE JUSTICE**
26 **APPROACH THAT ADDRESSES THE NEED OF A VICTIM FOR ACKNOWLEDGMENT,**
27 **INFORMATION, PRIVACY, SAFETY, AND INVOLVEMENT IN MATTERS OF THE JUSTICE**
28 **SYSTEM.**

29 **(B) THIS SUBTITLE SHALL BE LIBERALLY CONSTRUED TO EFFECTUATE THE**
30 **PURPOSE SET FORTH IN SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION.**

1 **(A) (1) THERE IS A RESTORATIVE JUSTICE PROGRAM WITHIN THE**
2 **VICTIM SERVICES UNIT.**

3 **(2) THE PROGRAM SHALL CARRY OUT THE PURPOSES DESCRIBED IN**
4 **§ 11-1202 OF THIS SUBTITLE.**

5 **(B) (1) (I) A VICTIM MAY REQUEST PARTICIPATION IN THE PROGRAM**
6 **THROUGH THE VICTIM SERVICES UNIT.**

7 **(II) AN OFFENDER MAY REQUEST PARTICIPATION IN THE**
8 **PROGRAM THROUGH THE OFFENDER'S CASE MANAGER.**

9 **(2) ALL REQUESTS FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE PROGRAM SHALL BE**
10 **FORWARDED TO THE RESTORATIVE JUSTICE LEGAL SPECIALIST.**

11 **(3) IF ONLY ONE PARTY HAS REQUESTED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE**
12 **PROGRAM, THE RESTORATIVE JUSTICE LEGAL SPECIALIST SHALL PROVIDE**
13 **NOTICE TO THE OTHER PARTY STATING THAT:**

14 **(I) THERE IS A RESTORATIVE JUSTICE PROGRAM AVAILABLE;**

15 **(II) PARTICIPATION IN THE PROGRAM HAS BEEN REQUESTED**
16 **BY THE REQUESTING PARTY;**

17 **(III) PARTICIPATION IN THE PROGRAM IS VOLUNTARY AND**
18 **CONFIDENTIAL AND MAY NOT BE MANDATED BY ANY COURT OR AGENCY; AND**

19 **(IV) A PARTY MAY NOT BE COERCED INTO PARTICIPATING IN**
20 **THE PROGRAM AND WILL NOT FACE ANY PUNITIVE ACTION FOR**
21 **NONPARTICIPATION.**

22 **(4) IF A PARTY DECLINES PARTICIPATION IN THE PROGRAM, THE**
23 **REQUESTING PARTY MAY BE PLACED IN AN ALTERNATIVE RESTORATIVE JUSTICE**
24 **PROCESS DEVELOPED BY THE COUNCIL.**

25 **(5) IF BOTH PARTIES AGREE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM, THE**
26 **RESTORATIVE JUSTICE LEGAL SPECIALIST SHALL:**

27 **(I) ASSIGN A FACILITATOR OR FACILITATING ORGANIZATION;**
28 **AND**

29 **(II) CREATE A CONFIDENTIAL FILE IN MDEC CONTAINING THE**

1 NAMES OF THE ASSIGNED FACILITATOR OR FACILITATING ORGANIZATION, THE
2 VICTIM, AND THE OFFENDER.

3 (6) IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STANDARDS SET FORTH UNDER
4 MARYLAND RULE 17-105, INFORMATION SHARED BY A VICTIM OR AN OFFENDER
5 DURING PARTICIPATION IN THE PROGRAM IS PRIVILEGED, CONFIDENTIAL, AND
6 INADMISSIBLE IN ANY JUDICIAL, ADMINISTRATIVE, OR OTHER PROCEEDING.

7 (7) AFTER PROPER EVALUATION, A FACILITATOR OR FACILITATING
8 ORGANIZATION MAY DECLINE A REQUEST FOR PROGRAM PARTICIPATION IF, IN THE
9 FACILITATOR'S OR FACILITATING ORGANIZATION'S DISCRETION, PARTICIPATION IN
10 THE PROGRAM WOULD NOT BE APPROPRIATE.

11 (C) (1) WHEN APPROPRIATE, THE FACILITATOR OR FACILITATING
12 ORGANIZATION MAY BRING THE VICTIM AND THE OFFENDER TOGETHER, WHILE
13 ENSURING THE SAFETY OF THE VICTIM AND IN A MANNER CONSISTENT WITH
14 TRAUMA-INFORMED METHODOLOGIES AND THE RESTORATIVE JUSTICE PURPOSE
15 OF THIS SUBTITLE, IN AN ATTEMPT TO FACILITATE PROGRAM PARTICIPATION.

16 (2) THE FACILITATOR OR FACILITATING ORGANIZATION SHALL:

17 (I) ACT IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE GUIDELINES FOR
18 FACILITATION AND TRAINING IN TRAUMA-INFORMED VICTIM-OFFENDER DIALOGUE
19 SET BY THE COUNCIL;

20 (II) WHEN ENGAGED IN RESTORATIVE JUSTICE PROGRAMMING,
21 INFORM THE VICTIM AND THE OFFENDER THAT:

22 1. THE FACILITATOR REPRESENTS NEITHER THE VICTIM
23 NOR THE OFFENDER;

24 2. PARTICIPATION IN THE PROGRAM IS CONFIDENTIAL
25 AND CANNOT BE USED IN ANY LEGAL OR ADJUDICATIVE PROCESS, INCLUDING ANY
26 LEGAL PROCEEDING, HEARING, OR OTHER ACTION;

27 3. NO ATTORNEY-CLIENT RELATIONSHIP IS CREATED
28 BETWEEN THE FACILITATOR AND EITHER PARTY AND THAT INFORMATION GIVEN BY
29 THE FACILITATOR IS NOT LEGAL ADVICE; AND

30 4. EITHER PARTY MAY WITHDRAW ITS PARTICIPATION IN
31 THE PROCESS AT ANY TIME WITHOUT CONSEQUENCE; AND

32 (III) SUBMIT REGULAR REPORTS TO THE RESTORATIVE JUSTICE

1 LEGAL SPECIALIST AS REQUIRED BY THE COUNCIL, WHICH MAY INCLUDE:

2 1. THE NUMBER, GENDER, RACE, AND AGE OF
3 PARTICIPANTS;

4 2. WHETHER THE PROGRAM WAS SUCCESSFULLY
5 COMPLETED; AND

6 3. ANY OTHER NONCONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION.

7 (D) (1) ON REQUEST OF THE FACILITATOR OR FACILITATING
8 ORGANIZATION, THE PROSECUTING ATTORNEY, THE VICTIM SERVICES UNIT,
9 COUNSEL FOR THE OFFENDER, COUNSEL FOR THE VICTIM, AND THE COURT MAY
10 PROVIDE THE FACILITATOR OR FACILITATING ORGANIZATION WITH INFORMATION
11 THAT MAY BE HELPFUL TO FACILITATE THE PROCESS.

12 (2) ON REQUEST OF THE FACILITATOR OR FACILITATING
13 ORGANIZATION, THE CLERK OF THE COURT SHALL PROVIDE THE FACILITATOR OR
14 FACILITATING ORGANIZATION ACCESS TO ALL MATERIALS IN A CASE FILE AT NO
15 COST.

16 (3) THE FACILITATOR OR FACILITATING ORGANIZATION MAY
17 REQUEST OTHER MATERIALS TO FACILITATE THE PROCESS.

18 11-1204.

19 (A) THERE IS A POSITION OF RESTORATIVE JUSTICE LEGAL SPECIALIST
20 WITHIN THE VICTIM SERVICES UNIT.

21 (B) THE DUTIES OF THE RESTORATIVE JUSTICE LEGAL SPECIALIST
22 INCLUDE ENSURING THE COMPLIANCE OF THE PROGRAM WITH ALL APPLICABLE
23 LAWS, REGULATIONS, AND ESTABLISHED POLICIES.

24 (C) THE RESTORATIVE JUSTICE LEGAL SPECIALIST SHALL HAVE
25 KNOWLEDGE OF RESTORATIVE JUSTICE PRACTICES.

26 (D) THE RESTORATIVE JUSTICE LEGAL SPECIALIST MAY FACILITATE
27 PARTNERSHIPS BETWEEN STATE AGENCIES AND RESTORATIVE JUSTICE
28 ORGANIZATIONS IN ORDER TO PROVIDE RESTORATIVE JUSTICE SERVICES.

29 (E) THE RESTORATIVE JUSTICE LEGAL SPECIALIST IS RESPONSIBLE FOR
30 THE MANAGEMENT OF THE PROGRAM WITHIN MDEC.

1 11-1205.

2 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "FUND" MEANS THE RESTORATIVE JUSTICE
3 PROGRAM REVOLVING FUND.

4 (B) THERE IS A RESTORATIVE JUSTICE PROGRAM REVOLVING FUND.

5 (C) THE PURPOSE OF THE FUND IS TO CARRY OUT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS
6 SUBTITLE.

7 (D) THE VICTIM SERVICES UNIT SHALL ADMINISTER THE FUND.

8 (E) (1) THE FUND IS A SPECIAL, NONLAPSING FUND THAT IS NOT
9 SUBJECT TO § 7-302 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE.

10 (2) THE STATE TREASURER SHALL HOLD THE FUND SEPARATELY,
11 AND THE COMPTROLLER SHALL ACCOUNT FOR THE FUND.

12 (F) THE FUND CONSISTS OF:

13 (1) REVENUE DISTRIBUTED TO THE FUND FROM RESTITUTION
14 PAYMENTS BY AN OFFENDER;

15 (2) FEDERAL FUNDS RECEIVED BY THE STATE FOR THE PURPOSES OF
16 THIS SUBTITLE; AND

17 (3) ANY OTHER MONEY FROM ANY OTHER SOURCE ACCEPTED FOR
18 THE BENEFIT OF THE FUND.

19 (G) THE FUND MAY BE USED ONLY FOR COSTS AND ADMINISTRATIVE
20 EXPENSES ASSOCIATED WITH THE POSITION OF RESTORATIVE JUSTICE LEGAL
21 SPECIALIST UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.

22 (H) (1) THE STATE TREASURER SHALL INVEST THE MONEY OF THE FUND
23 IN THE SAME MANNER AS OTHER STATE MONEY MAY BE INVESTED.

24 (2) ANY INTEREST EARNINGS OF THE FUND SHALL BE CREDITED TO
25 THE GENERAL FUND OF THE STATE.

26 (I) EXPENDITURES FROM THE FUND MAY BE MADE ONLY IN ACCORDANCE
27 WITH THE STATE BUDGET.

28 (J) THE FUND IS SUBJECT TO AUDIT BY THE OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE

1 **AUDITS AS PROVIDED IN § 2-1220 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE.**

2 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read
3 as follows:

4 **Article – Criminal Procedure**

5 **11-1206.**

6 **(A) THERE IS A MARYLAND RESTORATIVE JUSTICE COUNCIL WITHIN THE**
7 **GOVERNOR’S OFFICE OF CRIME PREVENTION, YOUTH, AND VICTIM SERVICES.**

8 **(B) THE COUNCIL CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:**

9 **(1) THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF MARYLAND, OR THE ATTORNEY**
10 **GENERAL’S DESIGNEE;**

11 **(2) THE SECRETARY OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND CORRECTIONAL**
12 **SERVICES, OR THE SECRETARY’S DESIGNEE;**

13 **(3) ONE MEMBER OF THE SENATE OF MARYLAND, APPOINTED BY THE**
14 **PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE;**

15 **(4) ONE MEMBER OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, APPOINTED BY THE**
16 **SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE;**

17 **(5) THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS, APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR:**

18 **(I) FOUR REPRESENTATIVES OF RESTORATIVE JUSTICE**
19 **ADVOCACY ORGANIZATIONS;**

20 **(II) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE MARYLAND STATE’S**
21 **ATTORNEYS’ ASSOCIATION;**

22 **(III) ONE MENTAL HEALTH PRACTITIONER;**

23 **(IV) ONE VICTIM; AND**

24 **(V) ONE OFFENDER.**

25 **(C) (1) THE COUNCIL IS RESPONSIBLE FOR:**

26 **(I) DEVELOPING STANDARDS, POLICIES, AND PROCEDURES**
27 **FOR THE PROGRAM;**

1 **(II) DEVELOPING, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE RESTORATIVE**
2 **JUSTICE LEGAL SPECIALIST AND OTHER RELEVANT AUTHORITIES, RESTORATIVE**
3 **JUSTICE STANDARDS, POLICIES, TRAINING REQUIREMENTS, AND CERTIFICATIONS**
4 **FOR FACILITATORS, INCLUDING:**

- 5 **1. TRAINING IN CURRENT ETHICS STANDARDS; AND**
6 **2. TRAINING IN TRAUMA-INFORMED VICTIM-OFFENDER**
7 **DIALOGUE; AND**

8 **(III) CREATING PROGRAM REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.**

9 **(2) THE COUNCIL MAY CREATE ALTERNATIVE RESTORATIVE JUSTICE**
10 **TRAINING TO INCLUDE DIRECTLY IMPACTED VICTIM-OFFENDER DIALOGUE OR**
11 **VICTIM RECONCILIATION PROGRAMMING WITH INDIRECT VICTIMS.**

12 **(D) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 2024, AND EACH DECEMBER 1**
13 **THEREAFTER, THE COUNCIL, IN COORDINATION WITH THE RESTORATIVE JUSTICE**
14 **LEGAL SPECIALIST, SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT ON THE STATUS OF THE PROGRAM TO**
15 **THE GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT**
16 **ARTICLE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.**

17 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
18 October 1, 2023. Section 2 of this Act shall remain effective for a period of 5 years and, at
19 the end of September 30, 2028, Section 2 of this Act, with no further action required by the
20 General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.