

SENATE BILL 499

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CF HB 661

By: Senator West

Introduced and read first time: February 3, 2023

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Workgroup to Study Reentry**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Workgroup to Study Reentry; and generally relating
4 to the Workgroup to Study Reentry.

5 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
6 That:

7 (a) There is a Workgroup to Study Reentry.

8 (b) The Workgroup consists of the following members:

9 (1) two members of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of
10 the Senate;

11 (2) two members of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of
12 the House;

13 (3) the Secretary of State Police, or the Secretary's designee;

14 (4) the Public Defender, or the Public Defender's designee;

15 (5) the President of the Maryland State's Attorneys' Association, or the
16 President's designee;

17 (6) the Executive Director of the American Civil Liberties Union of
18 Maryland, or the Executive Director's designee; and

19 (7) the President of the Maryland State Lodge of the Fraternal Order of
20 Police, or the President's designee.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



(c) The Governor shall designate the chair of the Workgroup.

(d) The Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services shall
allocate staff for the Workgroup.

(e) A member of the Workgroup:

(1) may not receive compensation as a member of the Workgroup; but

(2) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State regulations, as provided in the State budget.

(f) The Workgroup shall:

9 (1) study the current role of State and local agencies in the reentry of
10 formerly incarcerated individuals after completing their terms of confinement in State and
11 local correctional facilities; and

12 (2) make recommendations regarding policy changes for improvement of
13 reentry in the State.

14 (g) On or before December 31, 2024, the Workgroup shall report its findings and
15 recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State
16 Government Article, the General Assembly.

17 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
18 1, 2023. It shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and, at the end of June 30, 2025,
19 this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and
20 of no further force and effect.