

Chapter 128

(House Bill 22)

AN ACT concerning

Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services – Study on Location of Individuals Prior to and Following Incarceration

FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to conduct a certain study examining certain data regarding an individual's residence prior to incarceration and on release from a State correctional facility; and generally relating to State correctional facilities.

BY adding to

Article – Correctional Services

Section 9–618

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2017 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

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

Article – Correctional Services**9–618.**

(A) ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 2026, AND EACH OCTOBER 1 THEREAFTER, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL CONDUCT A STUDY ON THE LOCATION OF INDIVIDUALS BEFORE AND FOLLOWING INCARCERATION IN A STATE CORRECTIONAL FACILITY AND REPORT THE RESULTS OF THE STUDY TO THE SENATE JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS COMMITTEE, THE SENATE BUDGET AND TAXATION COMMITTEE, THE HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE, AND THE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2–1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE.

(B) THE STUDY SHALL INCLUDE:

(1) DATA ON THE COUNTY OF RESIDENCE OF EACH INDIVIDUAL RELEASED DURING THE PREVIOUS YEAR, AS REPORTED BY THE INDIVIDUAL ON INTAKE TO THE FACILITY;

(2) DATA ON THE COUNTY OF RELEASE FOLLOWING INCARCERATION;

(3) FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO WERE TRANSFERRED FROM ONE STATE CORRECTIONAL FACILITY TO ANOTHER PRIOR TO RELEASE, THE NUMBER OF DAYS THAT THE TRANSFER OCCURRED BEFORE RELEASE; AND

(4) A COMPARISON OF:

(I) THE NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS RELEASED FROM A STATE CORRECTIONAL FACILITY INTO THE SAME COUNTY IN WHICH THEY RESIDED PRIOR TO INCARCERATION;

(II) THE NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS RELEASED FROM A STATE CORRECTIONAL FACILITY INTO THE SAME COUNTY IN WHICH CONVICTION OCCURRED; AND

(III) THE NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS RELEASED FROM A STATE CORRECTIONAL FACILITY INTO THE COUNTY IN WHICH THEY WERE INCARCERATED AT THE TIME OF RELEASE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2025.

Approved by the Governor, April 22, 2025.