

SENATE BILL 815

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By: **Senator Hayes**

Introduced and read first time: February 6, 2026

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Correctional Services – Maryland Correctional Enterprises – Report**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services,
4 in collaboration with an institution of higher education in the State, to prepare a
5 report on correctional industry programs in certain states and recommend ways to
6 improve Maryland Correctional Enterprises to achieve successful reentry outcomes;
7 and generally relating to Maryland Correctional Enterprises.

8 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
9 That:

10 (a) (1) The Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services, in
11 collaboration with an institution of higher education in the State, shall provide a
12 comprehensive report on correctional industry programs in:

13 (i) Maine;

14 (ii) Ohio;

15 (iii) Kansas; and

16 (iv) California; and

17 (2) make recommendations regarding ways to improve Maryland
18 Correctional Enterprises to achieve successful reentry outcomes.

19 (b) (1) On or before December 1, 2026, the Department of Public Safety and
20 Correctional Services shall submit an interim report of its progress to the Governor and, in
21 accordance with § 2–1257 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (2) On or before December 1, 2027, the Department of Public Safety and
2 Correctional Services shall submit a final report of its findings and recommendations to the
3 Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article, the General
4 Assembly.

5 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
6 1, 2026. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and 6 months and, at the end of
7 December 31, 2027, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall
8 be abrogated and of no further force and effect.