

SENATE BILL 823

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By: **Senator Smith**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Correctional Services – Maryland Parole Commission – Members**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the appointing authority and method of appointment of parole
4 commissioners; and generally relating to the Maryland Parole Commission.

5 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

6 Article – Correctional Services

7 Section 7–202(a)

8 Annotated Code of Maryland

9 (2025 Replacement Volume)

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

12 **Article – Correctional Services**

13 7–202.

14 (a) (1) The Commission consists of ten members.

15 (2) **(I)** [With the approval of the] **THE** Governor [and], **WITH** the advice
16 and consent of the Senate, [the Secretary] shall appoint the members of the Commission
17 **FROM AMONG NOMINEES CHOSEN BY A PANEL CONSISTING OF:**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 1. THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE MARYLAND
2 POLICE TRAINING AND STANDARDS COMMISSION;

3 2. THE SECRETARY OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND
4 CORRECTIONAL SERVICES;

5 3. THE PUBLIC DEFENDER OF MARYLAND;

6 4. THE PRESIDENT OF THE MARYLAND STATE'S
7 ATTORNEYS' ASSOCIATION;

8 5. THREE SERVICE PROVIDERS FROM THE FIELDS OF
9 MENTAL HEALTH, SUBSTANCE USE TREATMENT, VOCATIONAL AND EDUCATIONAL
10 TRAINING, OR COMMUNITY ORGANIZING, APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR;

11 ~~6. THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS;~~

12 ~~7.~~ 6. THE PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF
13 SOCIAL WORKERS – MARYLAND CHAPTER, OR THE PRESIDENT'S DESIGNEE;

14 ~~8.~~ 7. THREE MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC,
15 APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR;

16 ~~9.~~ 8. ONE PRISONERS' RIGHTS ADVOCATE, APPOINTED BY
17 THE GOVERNOR; AND

18 ~~10.~~ 9. ONE VICTIMS' RIGHTS ADVOCATE, APPOINTED BY THE
19 GOVERNOR.

20 (II) THE PANEL SHALL SUBMIT TO THE GOVERNOR THE NAMES
21 OF AT LEAST THREE QUALIFIED NOMINEES FOR EACH COMMISSIONER VACANCY TO
22 BE FILLED.

23 (III) THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF CRIME PREVENTION AND
24 POLICY SHALL PROVIDE STAFFING FOR THE PANEL.

25 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
26 October 1, 2026.