

SB720 - Correctional Services - Formerly Incarcerated Individuals and Individuals on Probation - Re-Entry Services

SUPPORT

Carrington & Associates, LLC is writing to express our firm support for Senate Bill 720 (SB 720), sponsored by Senator Benson.

Our position stems from a comprehensive analysis of the bill's fiscal and policy implications, as detailed in the fiscal and policy note provided by the Department of Legislative Services. SB 720 outlines a program, administered by the Division of Correction (DOC) in Prince George's County, aimed at providing critical re-entry services to formerly incarcerated individuals and individuals on probation.

We appreciate the bill's focus on assisting individuals with obtaining vital documents, State identification, information on housing, transportation, healthcare, legal assistance, anger management counseling, mental health services, substance abuse counseling and prevention services, employment assistance, and financial literacy courses.

Furthermore, we acknowledge the fiscal impact outlined in the fiscal note, which indicates a mandated appropriation of \$3.0 million annually from fiscal year 2026 onwards. While this represents a fiscal commitment, we believe the benefits in terms of reintegration, reducing recidivism, and improving community well-being justify this investment.

In terms of local effects, we recognize the potential benefit to Prince George's County, particularly if the DOC can provide services that would otherwise be shouldered by the county.

Additionally, we note the bill's potential positive impact on small businesses in Prince George's County, particularly if DOC engages with them for the required services.

Carrington & Associates, LLC applauds the efforts put forth in SB 720 to address the challenges faced by formerly incarcerated individuals during re-entry. We look forward to witnessing the positive impact of this program on the community. We have worked for decades on reentry related issues.

If you require any further information or clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us. Thank you for your attention to this matter.