



## **SB 942**

### **Correctional Services – Medication-Assisted Treatment Funding**

MCAA Position: **SUPPORT w/ Amendment** TO: Judicial Proceedings

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The Maryland Correctional Administrator's Association (MCAA), an organization comprised of our statewide jail wardens and administrators for promoting and improving best correctional practices, appreciates the opportunity to provide information regarding Senate Bill 942.

House Bill 116 was enacted in 2019 as an unfunded mandate. By law, local detention centers throughout the State have implemented Medicated Assisted Treatment Programs. Since then, however, local detention centers have struggled to fund the program and all its tenets. The bill, as written, requires local detention centers to submit for grant funding, and the law clearly states that the State will provide the budgetary monies to implement and maintain the program. Local detention centers do not have the resources to apply for grants and to ensure compliance with stringent grant requirements in addition to the detailed statistical data required by the law.

In 2020, for the pilot programs identified in the law, the State of Maryland, through the federal State Opioid Response (SOR), provided grant monies without the counties formally applying for the funding. The affected counties did have to proffer a projected budget analysis. While not having to apply for the funding, the local counties were required to submit the statistical data required by law and comply with the stringent grant compliance, which was a great burden on staffing resources.

MCAA has carefully reviewed the bill, collaborated with partners from MACO, and affected the State of Maryland agencies. MCAA would support the bill if the following amendments were affected:

1. The bill language is amended to replace “a grant” funding with “funds” except in one instance to ensure the grants are still required to be used where eligible.
2. The local detention centers must submit a budget projection for their programs to the State of Maryland. Likewise, at the end of the fiscal year, the local detention centers would be responsible for providing documentation and proof of expenditures before reimbursement.
3. It is agreed the language should remain the three (3) formularies are offered.
4. Data reporting will remain consistent with the current legislative requirement.

The unfunded mandate has been a source of great contention for the past six (6) years, and we are appreciative of the collaboration to address the funding deficit. The Maryland Correctional Administrators Association respectfully requests **FAVORABLE WITH AMENDMENTS** on Senate Bill 941.