



SB 285 – Higher Education – Scholarships for Correctional Officers

MCAA Position: **SUPPORT**

TO: Judicial Proceedings and Education,
Energy and the Environment
Committee

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The Maryland Correctional Administrator's Association (MCAA), an organization comprised of our statewide jail wardens and administrators dedicated to correctional best practices, **SUPPORTS Senate Bill 285**, which will include Correctional Officers in the Education Article, Subtitle 38, Maryland Police Officers and Probation Agents Scholarship Programs.

The Maryland Correctional Administrator's Association (MCAA) believes that education enhances correctional officers' leadership skills, which is vital for effective management and positive change within our facilities.

The MCAA strongly urges the committee to issue a **favorable report on Senate Bill 285**, highlighting its significance for correctional officers' educational opportunities.