

HB0194/293720/1

BY: Government, Labor, and Elections Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 194
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike “**Delegate**” and substitute “**Delegates**”; in the same line, after “**Metzgar**” insert “**, Crutchfield, Kerr, Ruth, Schindler, Solomon, Terrasa, Wells, and Wu**”; strike line 2 in its entirety and substitute “**Incarcerated Individual Apprenticeship Pilot Program**”; in line 3, after “Services” insert “**, in consultation with the Department of Labor,**”; strike beginning with “and” in line 4 down through “individuals” in line 6 and substitute “**an Incarcerated Individual Apprenticeship Pilot Program to provide incarcerated individuals at the Baltimore City Correctional Center the opportunity to serve as paid apprentices; and generally relating to the Incarcerated Individual Apprenticeship Pilot Program**”; and strike in their entirety lines 7 through 12, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, in line 14, strike “the Laws of Maryland read as follows”.

On pages 1 through 4, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 15 on page 1 through line 13 on page 4, inclusive, and substitute:

“(a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

(2) “Department” means the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services.

(3) “Program” means the Incarcerated Individual Apprenticeship Pilot Program.

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(b) (1) There is an Incarcerated Individual Apprenticeship Pilot Program in the Department.

(2) The Program is an independent program that is separate from Maryland Correctional Enterprises under Title 3, Subtitle 5 of the Correctional Services Article.

(c) The Department, in consultation with the Department of Labor, shall develop the Program to provide incarcerated individuals at the Baltimore City Correctional Center the opportunity to serve as paid apprentices in an agency or a unit of State or local government or with a private entity.

(d) The Department shall make assignments for Program participants to eligible employers who are participating in the Program.

(e) A person that employs an incarcerated individual under the Program shall pay a compensation rate of not less than the state minimum wage under § 3-413(c) of the Labor and Employment Article.

(f) The Division of Correction shall provide for, or make arrangements that it considers to be adequate and proper to provide for, the guarding, transporting, lodging, feeding, clothing, and medical and other care of an incarcerated individual while the incarcerated individual is participating in the Program.

(g) If an incarcerated individual successfully completes the Program, prior to the individual's scheduled release, the Department or the Program shall provide the incarcerated individual with a certificate demonstrating the incarcerated individual's successful completion of the Program.

(h) On or before January 1, 2029, the Department shall report to the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article, on the implementation of this section.

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(i) The Department may adopt regulations to carry out the provisions of this Act.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2026. It shall remain effective for a period of 3 years and, at the end of September 30, 2029, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.”.