

SENATE BILL 61

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(6lr1421)

ENROLLED BILL

— Judicial Proceedings and Finance/Government, Labor, and Elections —

Introduced by **Senator Sydnor**

Read and Examined by Proofreaders:

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this

_____ day of _____ at _____ o'clock, _____ M.

President.

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Division of Correction – ~~Release Preparation~~ Volunteer Services Program**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the ~~Release Preparation~~ Volunteer Services Program in
4 the Division of Correction for the purpose of providing access to volunteers, including
5 formerly incarcerated individuals and organizations led by formerly incarcerated
6 individuals, to State correctional facilities to assist incarcerated individuals with
7 release preparation; ~~altering the purposes of the Cannabis Regulation and~~
8 ~~Enforcement Fund to include providing funds to cover the costs of supporting the~~
9 ~~Release Preparation Program~~; and generally relating to the ~~Release Preparation~~
10 Volunteer Services Program.

11 ~~BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,~~
12 ~~Article — Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis~~
13 ~~Section 36-206~~
14 ~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~

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.

Italics indicate opposite chamber/conference committee amendments.



~~(2024 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)~~

BY adding to
 Article – Correctional Services
 Section 9–619
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (2025 Replacement Volume)

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

~~Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis~~

~~36–206.~~

~~(a) In this section, “Fund” means the Cannabis Regulation and Enforcement Fund.~~

~~(b) There is a Cannabis Regulation and Enforcement Fund.~~

~~(c) The purpose of the Fund is to provide funds to cover the costs of:~~

~~(1) the operation of the Administration;~~

~~(2) administering and enforcing this title; [and]~~

~~(3) supporting the Social Equity Partnership Grant Program established under § 1–323 of this article; AND~~

~~(4) SUPPORTING THE RELEASE PREPARATION PROGRAM ESTABLISHED UNDER § 9–619 OF THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES ARTICLE.~~

~~(d) The Administration shall administer the Fund.~~

~~(e) (1) The Fund is a special, nonlapsing fund that is not subject to § 7–302 of the State Finance and Procurement Article.~~

~~(2) The State Treasurer shall hold the Fund separately, and the Comptroller shall account for the Fund.~~

~~(f) The Fund consists of:~~

~~(1) fees distributed to the Fund under § 36–205 of this subtitle;~~

~~(2) revenue distributed to the Fund under § 2–1302.2 of the Tax General~~

~~Article;~~

1 FACILITIES FOR THE PURPOSE OF ASSISTING INCARCERATED INDIVIDUALS WITH
2 RELEASE PREPARATION.

3 ~~(2) THE DIVISION OF CORRECTION SHALL SUBMIT THE PROTOCOL~~
4 ~~ESTABLISHED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION TO THE OFFICE OF THE~~
5 ~~ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR APPROVAL.~~

6 (D) THE PROTOCOL ESTABLISHED UNDER SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS
7 SECTION SHALL REQUIRE:

8 (1) ~~THE REGISTRATION OF FORMERLY INCARCERATED INDIVIDUALS~~
9 ~~VOLUNTEERS IN THE PROGRAM TO BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC~~
10 ~~MAINTAINED BY THE DIVISION OF CORRECTION TO MAINTAIN A RECORD OF~~
11 ~~VOLUNTEERS REGISTERED IN THE PROGRAM; AND~~

12 (2) ~~A FORMERLY INCARCERATED INDIVIDUAL IN THE PROGRAM TO~~
13 ~~DECIDE WHETHER:~~

14 (I) ~~THE INDIVIDUAL'S NAME IS MADE AVAILABLE TO THE~~
15 ~~PUBLIC; OR~~

16 (II) ~~SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (F) OF THIS SECTION, ANOTHER~~
17 ~~VOLUNTEER OR AN ORGANIZATION WILL PROVIDE THAT VOLUNTEER'S NAME OR~~
18 ~~THE NAME OF THE ORGANIZATION ON BEHALF OF THE FORMERLY INCARCERATED~~
19 ~~INDIVIDUAL SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (E) OF THIS SECTION, THE REGISTRATION OF~~
20 ~~VOLUNTEERS IN THE PROGRAM TO BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC; AND~~

21 (3) A VOLUNTEER IN THE PROGRAM TO PROVIDE TO THE DIVISION OF
22 CORRECTION A WRITTEN SCHEDULE DESCRIBING WHEN THE ~~INDIVIDUAL~~
23 ~~VOLUNTEER~~ INTENDS TO ACCESS A STATE CORRECTIONAL FACILITY.

24 (E) A VOLUNTEER IN THE PROGRAM:

25 (1) HAS THE RIGHT TO ELECT WHETHER THE VOLUNTEER'S NAME IS
26 MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC; AND

27 (2) MUST CONSENT IN WRITING IF THE VOLUNTEER ELECTS THE
28 DISCLOSURE OF THE VOLUNTEER'S NAME TO THE PUBLIC.

29 (F) THE DIVISION OF CORRECTION MAY NOT DENY A SCHEDULE PROVIDED
30 UNDER SUBSECTION ~~(D)(2)~~ (D)(3) OF THIS SECTION UNLESS THE SCHEDULE
31 INTERFERES WITH THE NORMAL FUNCTION OF THE STATE CORRECTIONAL
32 FACILITY.

1 ~~(F) (1) IF A FORMERLY INCARCERATED INDIVIDUAL DOES NOT WANT THE~~
 2 ~~FORMERLY INCARCERATED INDIVIDUAL'S NAME MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC,~~
 3 ~~ANOTHER VOLUNTEER OR AN ORGANIZATION MAY PROVIDE THAT VOLUNTEER'S~~
 4 ~~NAME OR THE NAME OF THE ORGANIZATION ON BEHALF OF THE FORMERLY~~
 5 ~~INCARCERATED INDIVIDUAL.~~

6 ~~(2) THE DIVISION OF CORRECTION SHALL MAINTAIN A RECORD OF~~
 7 ~~THE NAMES OF FORMERLY INCARCERATED INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE ANOTHER~~
 8 ~~VOLUNTEER OR AN ORGANIZATION PROVIDE THEIR NAME FOR PURPOSES OF~~
 9 ~~SUBSECTION (D)(2)(II) OF THIS SECTION.~~

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

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.