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BY: Judicial Proceedings Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 689
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike “**Senator McKay**” and substitute “**Senators McKay, Waldstreicher, West, and Sydnor**”; strike beginning with “to” in line 2 down through “**Law**” in line 3 and substitute “**on the Creation of a Division of Returning Citizens and Expanded Reentry Services – Requirement Alterations and Extension of Report Deadline**”
(Bri’s Law);

strike beginning with “establishing” in line 4 down through “Requirements” in line 6 and substitute “altering the requirements of the Task Force on the Creation of a Division of Returning Citizens and Expanded Reentry Services; extending the deadline for the reporting requirement for the Task Force; and generally relating to the Task Force on the Creation of a Division of Returning Citizens and Expanded Reentry Services”; and after line 6, insert:

“BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Chapter 936 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2024
Section 1(a)

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Chapter 936 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2024
Section 1(h)

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Section 2”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, in line 8, strike “That:” and substitute “That the Laws of Maryland
read as follows:”.

On pages 1 and 2, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 9 on page
1 through line 18 on page 2, inclusive, and substitute:

“Chapter 936 of the Acts of 2024

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SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That:

(a) There is a Task Force on the Creation of a Division of Returning Citizens and Expanded Reentry Services.

(h) The Task Force shall:

(1) identify and assess the reentry services that exist in the State;

(2) identify gaps in reentry services currently provided in the State;

(3) assess the markers of successful reentry;

(4) ensure that the recommendations of the Task Force equally consider returning citizens regardless of gender;

(5) develop a plan to establish a Division of Returning Citizens within the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to:

(i) assess measures of reentry success;

(ii) coordinate existing Department and community reentry programs;

(iii) remove barriers to reentry;

(iv) empower residents to break the cycle of recidivism; and

(v) connect incarcerated individuals to pre-release and postrelease assistance; [and]

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(6) develop a plan to expand the following services for individuals in the State after release from incarceration:

(i) housing services, including:

1. a needs assessment before an individual is released;
2. assistance in finding a halfway house, family home, or apartment;
3. transportation to an individual's home on release;
4. referral to first-time home buyer programs; and
5. other housing services currently provided by the Re-entry and Transition Services Unit;

(ii) employment services, including:

1. a needs assessment before an individual is released;
2. employment and entrepreneur training;
3. resume assistance;
4. assistance obtaining vital documents and State identification;
5. connection to employers; and

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6. other employment services currently provided by the Re-entry and Transition Services Unit;

(iii) socialization services, including:

1. a needs assessment before an individual is released;

2. financial literacy training;

3. connection with a mentor;

4. technology acclimation and training; and

5. other socialization services currently provided by the Re-entry and Transition Services Unit;

(iv) health services, including:

1. a needs assessment before an individual is released;

2. connection to:

A. a primary care provider;

B. mental health services;

C. dental care;

D. anger management therapy;

E. substance abuse counseling; and

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F. nutrition counseling; and

3. other health services currently provided by the Re-entry and Transition Services Unit;

(v) legal assistance, including:

1. a needs assessment before an individual is released;

2. assistance with obtaining child support;

3. assistance with expungement of criminal records; and

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(vi) education services, including:

1. a needs assessment before an individual is released;

2. connection to GED programs;

3. connection to postsecondary education; and

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(vii) coordination with county reentry programs, including:

1. notification of release to a home county; and

2. assistance acquiring dental and health records;

(viii) other services identified at the time of the trial, during incarceration, or on release of an individual who is being released from incarceration; and

(ix) other services currently provided by the Re-entry and Transition Services Unit; AND

(7) STUDY PROGRAMS AND SERVICES TO PREVENT RECIDIVISM BY INDIVIDUALS IN THE STATE AFTER RELEASE FROM INCARCERATION.

Chapter 936 of the Acts of 2024, as amended by Chapters 112 and 113 of the Acts of 2025

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That:

(i) On or before [October] DECEMBER 31, 2026, the Task Force shall, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article, submit a report to the General Assembly of its findings and recommendations.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2024. It shall remain effective for a period of 3 years and 1 month and, at the end of June 30, 2027, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

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