

SENATE BILL 720

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CF HB 61

By: **Senator Benson**

Introduced and read first time: January 31, 2024

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Correctional Services – Formerly Incarcerated Individuals and Individuals on**
3 **Probation – Re-Entry Services**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing a program within the Division of Correction that provides
5 formerly incarcerated individuals and individuals on probation with certain services;
6 requiring the facility that administers the program to be located in Prince George’s
7 County; and generally relating to formerly incarcerated individuals and individuals
8 on probation.

9 BY adding to
10 Article – Correctional Services
11 Section 3–1001 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 10. Re-Entry Support Facility
12 and Services”
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2017 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

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

17 **Article – Correctional Services**

18 **SUBTITLE 10. RE-ENTRY SUPPORT FACILITY AND SERVICES.**

19 **3–1001.**

20 **(A) THE DIVISION SHALL ESTABLISH A PROGRAM THAT PROVIDES**
21 **FORMERLY INCARCERATED INDIVIDUALS AND INDIVIDUALS ON PROBATION WITH:**

22 **(1) ASSISTANCE OBTAINING VITAL DOCUMENTS;**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



(2) ASSISTANCE OBTAINING STATE IDENTIFICATION;

(3) INFORMATION REGARDING HOUSING;

(4) ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING TRANSPORTATION;

(5) INFORMATION REGARDING HEALTH CARE;

**(6) LEGAL ASSISTANCE, INCLUDING LEGAL ASSISTANCE RELATED TO
CHILD SUPPORT;**

(7) ANGER MANAGEMENT COUNSELING;

(8) MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES;

(9) SUBSTANCE ABUSE COUNSELING AND PREVENTION SERVICES;

(10) EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE; AND

(11) FINANCIAL LITERACY COURSES AND TRAINING.

**(B) THE PROGRAM ESTABLISHED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION
SHALL BE ADMINISTERED IN A FACILITY LOCATED IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY.**

**(C) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER, THE
GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET BILL AN APPROPRIATION OF
\$3,000,000 FOR THE PROGRAM ESTABLISHED IN THIS SECTION.**

**SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
1, 2024.**