

# SENATE BILL 973

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By: **Chair, Joint Committee on Ending Homelessness**

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Joint Committee on Ending Homelessness – Reports on Housing Status**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Health Services Cost Review Commission, the  
4 Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services, the Department of Labor,  
5 and the Department of Human Services to make certain reports to the Joint  
6 Committee on Ending Homelessness on or before certain dates; and generally  
7 relating to homelessness.

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

10 (a) (1) On or before November 15, 2020, and November 15, 2021, the Health  
11 Services Cost Review Commission shall, in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State  
12 Government Article, report to the Joint Committee on Ending Homelessness on the housing  
13 status of patients discharged from hospitals in the preceding 12 months.

14 (2) The report required under paragraph (1) of this subsection shall  
15 include:

16 (i) the number of patients discharged;

17 (ii) the number of discharged patients who did not have a stable  
18 permanent residence at the time of discharge;

19 (iii) the rate of readmission of:

20 1. patients with a stable permanent residence at the time of  
21 discharge; and

22 2. patients without a stable permanent residence at the time  
23 of discharge; and

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



(iv) the housing and social services provided to discharged patients.

(b) (1) On or before November 15, 2020, and November 15, 2021, the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services shall, in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State Government Article, report to the Joint Committee on Ending Homelessness on the housing status of inmates released in the preceding 12 months.

(2) The report required under paragraph (1) of this subsection shall include:

(i) the number of inmates released;

(ii) the number of released inmates who did not have a stable permanent residence at the time of release or parole;

(iii) the number of released inmates who re-entered correctional facilities within a year of release or parole; and

(iv) the settings to which inmates without a stable permanent residence at the time of release or parole were released.

(c) (1) On or before November 15, 2020, and November 15, 2021, the Department of Labor and the Department of Human Services shall, in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State Government Article, jointly report to the Joint Committee on Ending Homelessness on the housing status of individuals served by workforce development programs in the preceding year.

(2) The report required under paragraph (1) of this subsection shall include:

(i) the number of individuals who did not have a stable permanent residence while participating in workforce development programs; and

(ii) the housing and social services that were provided to individuals who did not have a stable permanent residence while participating in workforce development programs.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2020.