

HOUSE BILL 785

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By: **Delegate R. Lewis**

Introduced and read first time: February 3, 2022

Assigned to: Judiciary

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Baltimore City – District Court – Jobs Court Pilot Program**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Jobs Court Pilot Program in the District Court sitting
4 in Baltimore City; requiring the Administrative Office of the Courts to take certain
5 actions including providing a certain report, in consultation with the Baltimore
6 Workforce Development Board, to the Governor and the General Assembly on or
7 before a certain date; and generally relating to the establishment of the Jobs Court
8 Pilot Program in Baltimore City.

9 BY adding to
10 Article – Criminal Procedure
11 Section 6–236
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

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

16 **Article – Criminal Procedure**

17 **6–236.**

18 **(A) THERE IS A JOBS COURT PILOT PROGRAM IN THE DISTRICT COURT**
19 **SITTING IN BALTIMORE CITY.**

20 **(B) THE PURPOSE OF THE PILOT PROGRAM IS TO REDUCE RECIDIVISM BY**
21 **OFFERING DEFENDANTS AN OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN FULL–TIME JOB**
22 **TRAINING AND JOB PLACEMENT PROGRAMS AS A CONDITION OF PROBATION, AN**
23 **ALTERNATIVE TO INCARCERATION, OR A CONDITION OF PRETRIAL RELEASE.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(C) TO ACCOMPLISH THE PURPOSE OF THE PILOT PROGRAM, THE**
2 **ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS SHALL DEVELOP A PLAN TO IMPLEMENT**
3 **AND MONITOR THE PILOT PROGRAM.**

4 **(D) ON OR BEFORE JUNE 30, 2027, THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE**
5 **COURTS, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE BALTIMORE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT**
6 **BOARD, SHALL REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1257**
7 **OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON THE**
8 **OPERATION AND RESULTS OF THE PILOT PROGRAM.**

9 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That for fiscal year 2024, the
10 Governor shall include in the annual State budget an appropriation of at least \$500,000 to
11 the Baltimore Workforce Development Board, to be distributed to local workforce
12 investment boards or other nonprofit entities that participate in the pilot program by
13 identifying employers and training programs.

14 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
15 1, 2022. It shall remain effective for a period of 5 years and, at the end of June 30, 2027,
16 this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and
17 of no further force and effect.