

SENATE BILL 574

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By: **Senators McCray and Guzzone**

Introduced and read first time: January 31, 2020

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings and Budget and Taxation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

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

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Jobs Court Pilot Program in the District Court;
4 establishing the purpose of the pilot program; requiring the Administrative Office of
5 the Courts to take certain actions to accomplish the purpose of the pilot program;
6 requiring the Administrative Office of the Courts to provide a certain report to the
7 Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date; establishing the
8 creation of three Position Identification Numbers for a certain purpose; requiring the
9 Governor to make certain mandatory appropriations in a certain fiscal year;
10 providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the establishment
11 of the Jobs Court Pilot Program.

12 BY adding to
13 Article – Criminal Procedure
14 Section 6–235
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

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

19 **Article – Criminal Procedure**

20 **6–235.**

21 **(A) THERE IS A JOBS COURT PILOT PROGRAM IN THE DISTRICT COURT.**

22 **(B) THE PURPOSE OF THE PILOT PROGRAM IS TO REDUCE RECIDIVISM BY**
23 **OFFERING DEFENDANTS AN OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN FULL-TIME JOB**
24 **TRAINING AND JOB PLACEMENT PROGRAMS AS A CONDITION OF PROBATION OR AS**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 AN ALTERNATIVE TO INCARCERATION.

2 (C) TO ACCOMPLISH THE PURPOSE OF THE PILOT PROGRAM, THE
3 ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS SHALL:

4 (1) DEVELOP A PLAN TO IMPLEMENT THE PILOT PROGRAM; AND

5 (2) ESTABLISH PROCEDURES TO ASSIGN FUNDS TO THE DISTRICT
6 COURT FOR THE COUNTIES THAT PARTICIPATE IN THE PILOT PROGRAM.

7 (D) ON OR BEFORE JUNE 30, 2025, THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE
8 COURTS SHALL REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1257
9 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON THE
10 OPERATION AND RESULTS OF THE PILOT PROGRAM.

11 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

12 (a) Three Position Identification Numbers (PINs) shall be created for the purpose
13 of hiring social workers to assist in administering the pilot program.

14 (b) For fiscal year 2022, the Governor shall include in the annual State budget:

15 (1) an appropriation of at least \$250,000 to the Governor's Workforce
16 Investment Board, to be distributed to local workforce investment boards or other nonprofit
17 entities that participate in the pilot program by identifying employers and training
18 programs; and

19 (2) an appropriation of at least \$250,000 to the Administrative Office of the
20 Courts, to be assigned to the District Court for the counties, including Baltimore City, that
21 participate in the pilot program.

22 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
23 1, 2020. It shall remain effective for a period of 5 years and, at the end of June 30, 2025,
24 this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and
25 of no further force and effect.