

# HOUSE BILL 140

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Assigned to: Judiciary

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services – Annual Report on**  
3 **Effectiveness of Programs for Offenders**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Public Safety and Correctional  
5 Services to study the effectiveness of certain programs for offenders; requiring  
6 the study to contain certain information; requiring the Department to report  
7 annually to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date;  
8 and generally relating to the Department of Public Safety and Correctional  
9 Services and reports on effectiveness of programs for offenders.

10 BY adding to

11 Article – Correctional Services

12 Section 2–601 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 6. Reports”

13 Annotated Code of Maryland

14 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

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

17 **Article – Correctional Services**

18 **SUBTITLE 6. REPORTS.**

19 **2–601.**

20 **(A) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL STUDY THE EFFECTIVENESS OF**  
21 **DEPARTMENTAL PROGRAMS FOR OFFENDERS.**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           **(B) IN CONDUCTING THE STUDY REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF**  
2 **THIS SECTION, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL:**

3                   **(1) ANALYZE THE COST OF EACH PROGRAM PER OFFENDER**  
4 **CONFINED WITHIN A CORRECTIONAL FACILITY OR UNDER SUPERVISION OF THE**  
5 **DEPARTMENT; AND**

6                   **(2) ANALYZE THE BENEFITS OF EACH PROGRAM FOR OFFENDERS**  
7 **CONFINED WITHIN A CORRECTIONAL FACILITY OR UNDER SUPERVISION OF THE**  
8 **DEPARTMENT TO:**

9                           **(I) CRIME VICTIMS;**

10                           **(II) TAXPAYERS; AND**

11                           **(III) OFFENDERS.**

12           **(C) ON OR BEFORE JUNE 1 OF EACH YEAR, BEGINNING IN 2013, THE**  
13 **DEPARTMENT SHALL REPORT ANNUALLY TO THE GOVERNOR AND, SUBJECT TO**  
14 **§ 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON**  
15 **THE EFFECTIVENESS OF DEPARTMENTAL PROGRAMS FOR OFFENDERS.**

16           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
17 October 1, 2012.