

1 (1) the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to study the use of drug  
 2 treatment programs under Section 2 of this Act;  
 3 Public Safety and Correctional Services to study the Department of  
 4 incarceration and the Department of Enrollment of  
 5 the State Commission on Criminal Sentencing Policy shall study how  
 6 more alternatives to incarceration may be included in the Sentencing  
 7 Guidelines and shall offer recommendations – (uncodified)  
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9 (4) the Division of Parole and Probation to expand treatment and  
 10 programming in the community to include day reporting centers, mental health treatment,  
 11 cognitive-behavioral programming, and other evidence-based interventions for offenders;  
 12 and

13 (5) the State unit responsible for the improvement of the collection of  
 14 restitution as determined under Sections 12 and 13 of this Act.

15 SECTION 7. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, on or before January 1, 2017,  
 16 the Maryland Mediation and Conflict Resolution Office shall study and identify best  
 17 practices for criminal referrals to mediation, based on experiences across the State and  
 18 research, and submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the Justice  
 19 Reinvestment Oversight Board, the Governor, and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State  
 20 Government Article, the General Assembly.

21 SECTION 8. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, on or before January 1, 2018,  
 22 the State Commission on Criminal Sentencing Policy shall study how more alternatives to  
 23 incarceration may be included in the sentencing guidelines and shall submit a report of the  
 24 findings and recommendations to the Justice Reinvestment Oversight Board, the Governor,  
 25 and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.

26 SECTION 9. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Department of Health and  
 27 Mental Hygiene, the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation, and the Department  
 28 of Public Safety and Correctional Services shall:

29 (1) in consultation with organizations representing businesses dedicated to  
 30 improving the business climate in Maryland and nonprofit organizations with the mission  
 31 to develop and advocate policies and programs to increase the skills, job opportunities, and  
 32 incomes of low-skill and low-income workers and job seekers, review and make  
 33 recommendations regarding:

34 (i) potential barriers to employment, licensing, and entrepreneurship  
 35 for individuals with a criminal record, including the denial, suspension, or revocation of  
 36 occupational licenses for criminal convictions; and