

1 (1) the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to expand the use of drug
2 treatment Act;

3 Public Safety and **State agencies shall study barriers for those with criminal records as to** t of
4 incarceration **employment, licensing and entrepreneurship and shall report findings and** t of
5 **recommendations by 12/31/16.**

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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

1 (ii) the criminalization of occupational license violations, including
2 the practicing of an occupation without a license; and

3 (2) make recommendations regarding changes to occupational licensing
4 laws that:

5 (i) promote the State's policy of encouraging employment of workers
6 with a criminal record by removing barriers for applicants seeking to demonstrate fitness
7 for occupational licenses;

8 (ii) protect the integrity of professional occupations while promoting
9 the State's interest in maintaining public safety and reducing costs and burdens to the
10 criminal justice system;

11 (iii) promote consistency in and uniform application of the
12 occupational licensing laws across all State agencies, including the State Department of
13 Agriculture, the Department of the Environment, the Department of Health and Mental
14 Hygiene, the Department of Human Resources, the Department of Labor, Licensing, and
15 Regulation, and the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services; and

16 (iv) on or before December 31, 2016, report the findings and
17 recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government
18 Article, the General Assembly.

19 SECTION 10. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the terms of the initial
20 appointed members of the Justice Reinvestment Oversight Board shall expire as follows:

21 (1) two members in 2017;

22 (2) two members in 2018;

23 (3) two members in 2019; and

24 (4) two members in 2020.

25 SECTION 11. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the terms of the initial
26 members of the Local Government Justice Reinvestment Commission shall expire as follows:

27 (1) six members in 2017;

28 (2) six members in 2018;

29 (3) six members in 2019; and

30 (4) six members in 2020.