

1 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS  
2 INDICATED.

3 (2) "EVIDENCE-BASED PROGRAMS AND PRACTICES" MEANS  
4 PROGRAMS PROVEN BY SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH TO RELIABLY PRODUCE REDUCTIONS  
5 IN RECIDIVISM.

6 (3) "INNOVATIVE PROGRAMS AND PRACTICES" MEANS PROGRAMS  
7 THAT DO NOT MEET THE STANDARD OF EVIDENCE-BASED PRACTICES BUT WHICH  
8 PRELIMINARY RESEARCH OR DATA INDICATES WILL REDUCE THE LIKELIHOOD OF  
9 OFFENDER RECIDIVISM.

10 (B) THE DIVISION SHALL USE PRACTICABLE AND SUITABLE METHODS THAT  
11 ARE CONSISTENT WITH EVIDENCE-BASED PROGRAMS AND PRACTICES AND  
12 INNOVATIVE PROGRAMS AND PRACTICES TO AID AND ENCOURAGE A PROBATIONER  
13 OR PAROLEE TO IMPROVE CONDUCT AND TO REDUCE THE RISK OF RECIDIVISM.

14 (C) THE DIVISION SHALL HAVE AN INDEPENDENT VALIDATION STUDY  
15 CONDUCTED EVERY 3 YEARS ON THE RISK AND NEEDS ASSESSMENT TOOL.

16 **6-120.**

17 THE DIVISION SHALL REQUIRE ALL PAROLE AND PROBATION AGENTS AND  
18 SUPERVISORS, COMMISSION MEMBERS, AND HEARING OFFICERS TO UNDERGO  
19 ANNUAL TRAINING BASED ON THE MOST CURRENT RESEARCH, REGARDING:

20 (1) IDENTIFYING, UNDERSTANDING, AND TARGETING AN  
21 INDIVIDUAL'S CRIMINAL RISK FACTORS;

22 (2) PRINCIPLES OF EFFECTIVE RISK INTERVENTIONS; AND

23 (3) SUPPORTING AND ENCOURAGING COMPLIANCE AND BEHAVIOR  
24 CHANGE.

25 **6-121.**

26 (A) THIS SECTION SHALL APPLY TO ALL INDIVIDUALS UNDER THE  
27 SUPERVISION OF THE DIVISION.

28 (B) THE DIVISION SHALL IMPOSE GRADUATED SANCTIONS IN RESPONSE TO  
29 TECHNICAL VIOLATIONS OF CONDITIONS OF SUPERVISION.

30 (C) ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2017, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL:

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Maryland Alliance for Justice Reform (MAJR) played a central 2015 role in advocating and supporting efforts to pass the Justice Reinvestment initiative in Maryland. While the 2016 JRA bill is not perfect from MAJR's viewpoint, its many important reforms could reduce Maryland's prison population by 16% and save \$270 million within 10 years.

By reinvesting those funds in alternatives to incarceration, our state's crime rate also could be reduced, taxpayer funds could be saved, while communities and families are strengthened. **For all these reasons, MAJR strongly recommends support and passage of the 2016 Maryland Justice Reinvestment Act.** Together, we can work to fill policy gaps and make further improvements through supplemental policy initiatives and legislation in future years.