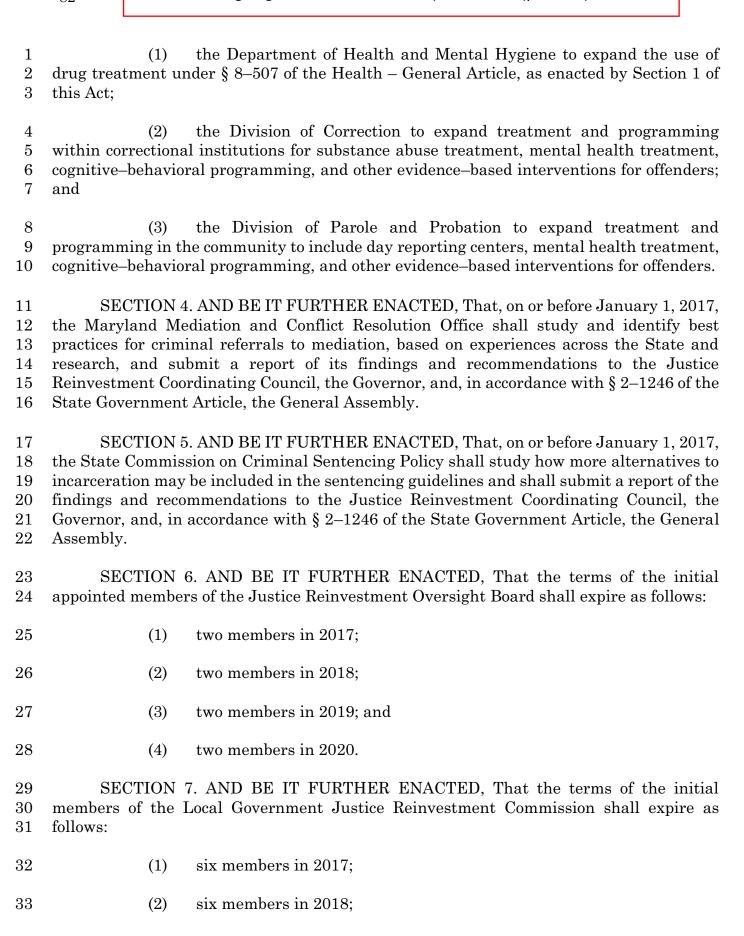
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Maryland Alliance for Justice Reform (MAJR) played a central 2015 role in advocating and supporting efforts to pass the Justice Reinvestment initiative in Maryland. While the 2016 JRA bill is not perfect from MAJR's viewpoint, its many important reforms 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.

1	(3) six members in 2019; and
2	(4) six members in 2020.
3 4	SECTION 8. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention shall:
5 6	(1) study the restitution process in the State and make recommendations concerning the restitution process, including:
7 8	(i) recommending a process and State unit for collecting data and developing evidence—based practices for restitution collection; and
9 10	(ii) recommending methods for developing additional enforcement and data collection technology infrastructure;
11 12	(2) determine which State unit should assume the duties currently undertaken by the Division of Parole and Probation regarding collection of restitution;
13 14 15	(3) determine whether the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board and any other victim services programs should be transferred to another entity, including considering whether a transfer would:
16 17	(i) minimize fragmentation of functions that the State government performs on behalf of victims of crime and delinquent acts; and
18 19	(ii) improve the coordination, efficiency, and effectiveness of State assistance to victims of crime and delinquent acts;
20	(4) consider any other ways to improve the collection of restitution; and
21 22 23	(5) report to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly by December 1, 2016, on its findings and recommendations.
24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32	SECTION 9. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That unless the Governor determines that transferring the collection of restitution from the Division of Parole and Probation to another State unit will not improve the collection of restitution, the Governor shall order the new State unit to assume the responsibility of collecting restitution by issuing an executive order to reorganize State government under Article II, Section 24 of the Maryland Constitution for the 2017 regular session of the General Assembly. The Governor shall include a provision in the executive order providing that the transfer may not be effective until 30 days after the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention notifies in writing the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House that the new State unit is able to assume the collection roles and responsibilities.