

1 (1) the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to expand the use of
2 drug treatment under § 8–507 of the Health – General Article, as enacted by Section 1 of
3 this Act;

4 (2) the Division of Correction to expand treatment and programming
5 within correctional institutions for substance abuse treatment, mental health treatment,
6 cognitive–behavioral programming, and other evidence–based interventions for offenders;
7 and

8 (3) the Division of Parole and Probation to expand treatment and
9 programming in the community to include day reporting centers, mental health treatment,
10 cognitive–behavioral programming, and other evidence–based interventions for offenders.

11 SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, on or before January 1, 2017,
12 the Maryland Mediation and Conflict Resolution Office shall study and identify best
13 practices for criminal referrals to mediation, based on experiences across the State and
14 research, and submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the Justice
15 Reinvestment Coordinating Council, the Governor, and, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the
16 State Government Article, the General Assembly.

17 SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, on or before January 1, 2017,
18 the State Commission on Criminal Sentencing Policy shall study how more alternatives to
19 incarceration may be included in the sentencing guidelines and shall submit a report of the
20 findings and recommendations to the Justice Reinvestment Coordinating Council, the
21 Governor, and, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, the General
22 Assembly.

23 SECTION 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the terms of the initial
24 appointed members of the Justice Reinvestment Oversight Board shall expire as follows:

- 25 (1) two members in 2017;
- 26 (2) two members in 2018;
- 27 (3) two members in 2019; and
- 28 (4) two members in 2020.

29 SECTION 7. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the terms of the initial
30 members of the Local Government Justice Reinvestment Commission shall expire as
31 follows:

- 32 (1) six members in 2017;
- 33 (2) six members in 2018;

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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 SECTION 8. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Governor's Office of Crime
4 Control and Prevention shall:

5 (1) study the restitution process in the State and make recommendations
6 concerning the restitution process, including:

7 (i) recommending a process and State unit for collecting data and
8 developing evidence-based practices for restitution collection; and

9 (ii) recommending methods for developing additional enforcement
10 and data collection technology infrastructure;

11 (2) determine which State unit should assume the duties currently
12 undertaken by the Division of Parole and Probation regarding collection of restitution;

13 (3) determine whether the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board and any
14 other victim services programs should be transferred to another entity, including
15 considering whether a transfer would:

16 (i) minimize fragmentation of functions that the State government
17 performs on behalf of victims of crime and delinquent acts; and

18 (ii) improve the coordination, efficiency, and effectiveness of State
19 assistance to victims of crime and delinquent acts;

20 (4) consider any other ways to improve the collection of restitution; and

21 (5) report to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State
22 Government Article, the General Assembly by December 1, 2016, on its findings and
23 recommendations.

24 SECTION 9. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That unless the Governor
25 determines that transferring the collection of restitution from the Division of Parole and
26 Probation to another State unit will not improve the collection of restitution, the Governor
27 shall order the new State unit to assume the responsibility of collecting restitution by
28 issuing an executive order to reorganize State government under Article II, Section 24 of
29 the Maryland Constitution for the 2017 regular session of the General Assembly. The
30 Governor shall include a provision in the executive order providing that the transfer may
31 not be effective until 30 days after the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention
32 notifies in writing the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House
33 that the new State unit is able to assume the collection roles and responsibilities.