

MARYLAND ALLIANCE FOR JUSTICE REFORM

Working to end unnecessary incarceration and build strong, safe communities



Maryland General Assembly, in the final hours of the 2022 Session, passed three MAJR priority bills that we hope the Governor will approve and not veto.

The Governor has thirty days from the close of the legislative session to decide whether he will approve or to veto legislation that has made it to his desk. We want him to focus on three bills separately and intend to send him emails in three separate campaigns. We ask for your help in putting pressure on the Governor.

Please urge the Governor to approve these bills to protect our communities and to improve fairness and effectiveness of Maryland's criminal justice system!

Here is the first of these critical bills:

[HB67 - release from restrictive housing.](#)

Direct release from solitary confinement (called “restrictive housing” by Maryland) in our prisons is a public safety concern. Without preparation, resocialization, or reentry services, incarcerated people in restrictive housing are less likely to return safely to our communities and more likely to reoffend. Thus, direct release from restrictive housing puts both communities and the individual inmate at risk.

Currently, Maryland prisons use solitary confinement (here called “restrictive housing”) for a wide variety of offenses, even including talking back to guards. HB 67, as amended, simply would require prisons to permit those in solitary to confer with their case managers and reentry counselors to make plans for return to their communities in the last six months before their release dates. Without such help, the odds of successful return from solitary to their communities is even more doubtful.

How you can help:

Please contact Governor Hogan and ask him to approve and not veto this long-needed bill.

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TAKE ACTION

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