

## MARYLAND ALLIANCE FOR JUSTICE REFORM

Working to end unnecessary incarceration and build strong, safe communities



### Virtual Lobby Day

via Zoom, Monday January 23, 7pm

### How to Lobby in 2023

Register for this meeting: [Click here](#)

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Our Lobby Day Agenda will include:

- A review of MAJR's 2023 priorities
- A review of the General Assembly's legislative process and 2023 calendar
- Instructions for how you can build a relationship with your legislator and testify for bills
- Reminders on use of MAJR's "Action Alerts"
- Your questions and answers

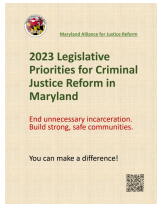
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Our next **Behind the Walls** workgroup meeting will take place **TONIGHT**, Tuesday, January 17 at 7 pm on Zoom. We'll discuss the status of our priorities for the current legislative session—the ombudsman bill, second look legislation, and correctional education—and strategies for realizing them: <https://georgetown.zoom.us/j/91780988528>

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**2023 Legislative Priorities for Criminal Justice Reform in**



## Maryland

The 2023 Maryland legislative session has begun on January 11 and Governor-elect Wes Moore will take office this week. At MAJR, we're hopeful that some fundamental improvements to our criminal justice system soon may become realities.

MAJR has developed a twelve-page booklet which you can read online by clicking here: [2023 Legislative Priorities for Criminal Justice Reform in Maryland](#). It describes MAJR's highest priorities: the creation of an independent ombudsman for Maryland's prisons; plans for decarceration, including a second look act, medical and geriatric parole; and eliminating the felony murder rule. You will also find recommendations concerning correctional education, expungement, juvenile justice, and other issues.

Please take a look! We welcome your feedback and we hope this booklet will serve as a reminder that the opportunities for change are greatest in the next three months. We also have distributed it to every member of the Maryland General Assembly during the first days of the 2023 session.

You will hear from us again soon with specific actions you can take in 2023 to contact your legislators and to help with much needed improvements to Maryland's criminal justice system! Thanks again for your support.



Maryland Alliance for Justice Reform

# 2023 Legislative Priorities for Criminal Justice Reform in Maryland

End unnecessary incarceration.  
Build strong, safe communities.

You can make a difference!



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MAJR is a nonpartisan, all-volunteer 501(c)4 organization of more than 1800 Marylanders and over **50 endorsing organizations** in every part of the state who advocate for evidence-based legislative and policy changes in Maryland's correctional practices. We support effective alternatives to incarceration, policies to address inequities, and efforts to allow citizens returning from prison to lead productive lives.

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