

WHEREAS, The General Assembly passed legislation during the Second Special Session of 1991 to restore funds for educational programs at the correctional institutions that are a part of the Division of Correction; and

WHEREAS, It was the intent of the General Assembly to restore to Patuxent Institution the funds for its educational programs as a part of this same measure; and

WHEREAS, The fact that Patuxent Institution is a unique correctional institution that is not within the Division of Correction resulted in Patuxent Institution not being affected by the legislation; and

WHEREAS, The money for the restoration of funds for the educational programs at Patuxent Institution is available; and

WHEREAS, The General Assembly of Maryland wishes to restore to Patuxent Institution the funds for its educational program as soon as possible; and

WHEREAS, It is the intent of the General Assembly that Patuxent Institution continue to receive the same consideration as the correctional institutions within the Division of Correction with regard to the funding of its educational programs; now, therefore,

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Education

22-101.

(a) There is an Education Coordinating Council for Correctional Institutions under the jurisdiction of the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services which is within the State Department of Education for administrative and budgetary purposes.

(b) (1) The Council consists of [five] 6 members.

(2) One of the members shall be a resident of this State appointed by the Governor for a term of 4 years and until a successor is appointed and qualifies.

(3) The following officials shall serve ex officio:

(i) The State Superintendent of Schools;

(ii) The Commissioner of Correction;

(iii) The Secretary of Higher Education; [and]

(iv) The county superintendent of schools from a county where a correctional institution of the Division of Correction is located, who shall be selected by the State Superintendent; AND