

certain stylistic changes; and generally relating to the Howard County work release program.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 27 – Crimes and Punishments

Section 645EE

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1987 Replacement Volume and 1989 Supplement)

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

**Article 27 – Crimes and Punishments**

645EE.

(a) In Howard County whenever an individual has been sentenced to the custody of the Howard County Department of Correction and has no other charges pending in any city, county, or state, the judge imposing sentence may at the time of sentencing or at any time during the individual's incarceration prescribe that the individual may participate in a work release program. [An individual who has been designated to participate in a work release program may continue the individual's regular employment or obtain new employment] A WORK RELEASE PROGRAM MAY INCLUDE AN INDIVIDUAL'S PARTICIPATION IN A PROGRAM OF EMPLOYMENT, REHABILITATION, TRAINING, EDUCATION, OR HOME DETENTION.

(b) (1) The Howard County Department of Correction may establish a work release program.

(2) The Director of the Howard County Department of Correction may adopt regulations relating to the operation of [the] A work release program.

(3) If the Howard County Department of Correction approves, an individual who has been sentenced to the Howard County Detention Center may be granted the privilege of leaving the detention center to [work or to seek employment] PARTICIPATE IN A WORK RELEASE PROGRAM.

(4) Except as provided in this section or unless a court orders otherwise, an individual who has been sentenced to the custody of the Howard County Department of Correction shall be confined to the Howard County Detention Center.

(5) AN INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS BEEN DESIGNATED TO PARTICIPATE IN A WORK RELEASE PROGRAM MAY CONTINUE THE INDIVIDUAL'S REGULAR EMPLOYMENT OR OBTAIN NEW EMPLOYMENT.

(c) An individual who is employed [through] WHILE IN a work release program under this section shall reimburse the Howard County Department of Correction [for] BY MEANS OF PAYING A FEE BASED ON: