

be authorized to leave an institution to participate in special community programs for rehabilitation or to contribute to interpretation of correctional services, crimes and crime prevention.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That new Section 700C be and it is hereby added to Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1967 Replacement Volume, 1968 Supplement), title "Crimes and Punishments," subtitle "Places of Reformation and Punishment," subheading "Department of Correctional Services," sub-subheading "Prisoners," to follow immediately after Section 700B thereof, to read as follows:

700C.

*(a) The Commissioner of Correctional Services may authorize special leave in accordance with the provisions of this section for any inmate confined in any of the institutions enumerated in Section 689 of this Article.* UNDER HIS JURISDICTION WHO HAS BEEN SELECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN A PRE-RELEASE PROGRAM. INMATES QUALIFIED FOR THE PRE-RELEASE PROGRAM ARE THOSE WHO ARE SERVING WITHIN THE LAST THREE MONTHS OF THEIR SENTENCE, OR APPROVED FOR PAROLE SUPERVISION.

*(b) Leave for an inmate may be authorized to allow time to seek employment, in anticipation of his release from an institution.*

(B) LEAVE FOR AN INMATE IN A PRE-RELEASE PROGRAM MAY BE AUTHORIZED TO ALLOW TIME FOR EMPLOYMENT INTERVIEWS, OR AS A PART OF A PRE-RELEASE PROGRAM RELATING TO EMPLOYMENT.

*(c) Leave may be authorized for an inmate or group of inmates, IN A PRE-RELEASE PROGRAM to leave an institution for participation in special community programs OR EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS, which have as their purpose the rehabilitation of inmates. ; or the interpretation to the general public of correctional services, crime, and crime prevention.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1969.

Approved May 2, 1969.

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CHAPTER 449

(Senate Bill 474)

AN ACT to add new subsection (c) to Section 700A of Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1968 Supplement), title "Crimes and Punishments," subtitle "Places of Reformation and Punishment," subheading "Department of Correctional Services," sub-subheading "Prisoners," to follow immediately after Section 700A (b) thereof, to provide that certain prisoners on work release programs or in the last two months of their term, or awaiting release on parole, may be allowed weekend leave under authorization of the Commissioner of Correctional Services.