

645U. Harford County.

(a) Whenever a person shall be convicted of a crime and sentenced to imprisonment in any county, town or city jail or detention center within Harford County, by the Circuit Court for Harford County or the People's Court of Harford County, the judge imposing sentence may, at the time of sentencing or at any time during the prescribed term of detention, in accordance with such programs as have been or will be enacted by the County Commissioners of Harford County, prescribe that the person may continue his regular employment, obtain new employment, participate in a training or rehabilitation program, or attend educational institutions in the county, while serving the term of his sentence; provided however, that such prescription shall in no event lengthen or shorten the term of the sentence.

(b) The County Commissioners of Harford County are authorized and directed to establish a "work release" program under which persons sentenced to imprisonment in the jail, county detention center, or other such similar institution under the jurisdiction of the county, by a judge of the Circuit Court for Harford County or a judge of the People's Court of Harford County, may be granted the privilege of leaving actual confinement during necessary and reasonable hours for the purpose of working at gainful private employment. Such program may also include, under appropriate conditions, release for the purpose of seeking such employment. Whenever the prisoner is not employed, or otherwise participating in his work release program, he shall be confined in the detention center unless the committing court shall direct otherwise.

(c) The earnings of the prisoner, less payroll deductions required by law, shall be collected by, or surrendered to, the sheriff, warden (or his authorized representative) of the county jail or detention center. From such earnings, the warden shall deduct: such amount determined to be the cost to the county of providing food, lodging and clothing for such prisoner; such actual and necessary food, travel and other expenses incidental to his participation in the program; such amount which the prisoner may be legally obligated to, or reasonably desirous of, paying for the support of his dependents; and such amount as is necessary for the repayment to the State or the county for assigned counsel, in the event the prisoner was represented by a court-appointed attorney; and credit any remaining balance to the prisoner's account.

(d) In the event of any violation of trust or conditions prescribed by the County Commissioners, for conduct and employment, a prisoner may be removed from the work release program and any earned diminution may be cancelled. Failure of a prisoner to comply with the terms of his authorization for leave shall be considered as a violation of the provision of Section 139 of this article.

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

Approved April 23, 1969.