

which a writ of habeas corpus is sought for any purpose other than to challenge the legality of a conviction of a crime or sentence of death or imprisonment therefor, including confinement as a result of a proceeding under Article 31B of this Code.

§ 645K. Court may prescribe continuation of regular employment or new employment; sheriff's duties; duties of Department of Parole and Probation.

Whenever a person shall be convicted of a crime and sentenced to imprisonment in any county, town or city jail by any [circuit] court [, peoples' court, municipal court, or magistrate's court for] in the counties to which this subtitle applies, the judge imposing sentence may prescribe that insofar as possible the person may continue his regular employment or obtain new employment while serving the term of his sentence, and the judge shall designate either the sheriff or the Department of Parole and Probation to supervise, arrange for or obtain such employment.

If a convicted person has been regularly employed the sheriff or the Department of Parole and Probation shall arrange for a continuation of said work insofar as possible without interruption. The sheriff or the Department of Parole and Probation shall make every effort to secure some suitable employment for the prisoner if he is not employed in any job. The sheriff or the Department of Parole and Probation shall try to obtain employment for the prisoner paying a fair and reasonable wage, and the prisoner shall work at fair and reasonable employment and hours per day and per week.

§ 645T. Montgomery County.

(a) Authority of judge.—[W] *In Montgomery County*, whenever a person shall be convicted of a crime and sentenced to imprisonment in any county, town, or city jail or detention center within [Montgomery C] *the county*, by [the Circuit Court for Montgomery County or the People's Court of Montgomery County] *any court in the 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 Council of Montgomery 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) Establishment of work release program.—The Montgomery County Council is authorized and directed to establish a "work release" program under which persons sentenced to imprisonment in the county detention center, or other such similar institution under the jurisdiction of the county, by a judge [of the Circuit Court for Montgomery County or a judge of the People's Court of Montgomery 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.