

additional categories of special leave which may be authorized by the Commissioner of Correction for an inmate to leave an institution to participate in certain programs or activities.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 700D of Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, (1971 Replacement Volume), title "Crimes and Punishments," subtitle "III Places of Reformation and Punishment," subheading "Prisoners," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

700D.

Upon the recommendation of treatment staff, with the approval of the warden or superintendent of any State penal or reformatory institution under his jurisdiction, the Commissioner of Correction may authorize special leave to an inmate to leave an institution for participation in special community or other meritorious programs or activities deemed beneficial to the inmate, and not detrimental to the public, by both the warden or superintendent and the Commissioner of Correction and which in their judgment would contribute to the rehabilitation process of the respective inmate. To be considered for this special leave the inmate shall be eligible solely upon the concurrence of the warden or superintendent and the Commissioner of Correction that positive attitudinal and growth patterns are being established. All special leaves must be issued in writing and must be signed by both the warden or superintendent and by the Commissioner of Correction, and this authority may not be delegated. All such orders must be kept on file in the Department. Special leave may only be for the purpose of:

- (a) Attending educational programs.
- (b) Improving job skills.
- (c) Attending trade licensing examinations.
- (d) Being interviewed for employment.
- (e) Participating as a volunteer for a governmental agency in an activity serving the general public.
- (f) *Participating in athletic competition.*
- (g) *Participating in civic activities beneficial to the inmate and/or the community.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1972.

Approved May 5, 1972.

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CHAPTER 297  
(House Bill 674)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 28(a-1), 29(b), 30(a), 31, and 32 of Article 77A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1969 Replacement Volume), title "Higher Educa-