

MARYLAND, That Section 645T of Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume and 1973 Supplement) be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments

645T.

(a) In Montgomery County, whenever a person [shall be] IS DETAINED OR SENTENCED TO THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION AND REHABILITATION [convicted of a crime and sentenced to imprisonment in any county, town, or city jail or detention center within the county,] by any court in the county, the judge [imposing sentence may, at the time of sentencing or] ORDERING THE CONFINEMENT OR, IF HE IS UNABLE TO ACT, THEN ANY OTHER JUDGE OF THE COMMITTING COURT, at any time during the [prescribed term] PERIOD of [detention] CONFINEMENT, in accordance with such programs as have been or will be enacted by the County Council of Montgomery County, MAY 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;] DURING THE PERIOD OF CUSTODY. AFTER THE PRISONER ENTERS HIS CORRECTIONAL PROGRAM, THE JUDGE ORDERING THE CONFINEMENT OR, IF HE IS UNABLE TO ACT, THEN ANY OTHER JUDGE OF THE COMMITTING COURT MAY ORDER THE RELEASE OF THE PRISONER FROM CUSTODY BASED UPON THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR PRE-RELEASE'S RECOMMENDATION AND HIS REPORT OF THE PRISONER'S PERFORMANCE IN THIS CORRECTIONAL PROGRAM. [provided however, that such prescription shall in no event lengthen or shorten the term of the sentence.]

(b) The Montgomery County Council is authorized and directed to establish [a] "work release" AND "PRE-RELEASE" [program] PROGRAMS under which persons [sentenced to imprisonment in the county detention center, or other such similar institution under the jurisdiction of the county,] DETAINED OR SENTENCED TO THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION AND REHABILITATION by a judge, UPON APPROVAL OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION AND REHABILITATION may be granted the privilege of leaving [actual] confinement during necessary and reasonable hours for the purpose of SEEKING OR working at gainful [private] employment AND MAY PARTICIPATE IN OTHER REHABILITATIVE ACTIVITIES INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO INTENSIVE COUNSELING, ACADEMIC EDUCATION, HOME VISITATION, TRANSITIONAL PHASED RELEASE PROGRAMS, AS WELL AS MAXIMUM USE OF OTHER COMMUNITY RESOURCES OR OTHER SIMILAR REHABILITATIVE