

grant leaves from the pre-release unit for certain purposes; providing for the status of inmates on leave from a pre-release facility; requiring inmates to carry certain forms while on leave from a pre-release facility; including the Pre-release Unit for Women under the Department of Correction; repealing a provision relating to centers for women; and generally relating to the Pre-release Unit for Women.

BY adding to

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments  
Section 678C  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1982 Replacement Volume and 1982 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments  
Section 689 and 710C  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1982 Replacement Volume and 1982 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments

678C.

(A) THE COMMISSIONER MAY OPERATE A PRE-RELEASE UNIT FOR WOMEN. THE COMMISSIONER MAY OPERATE THE "PRE-RELEASE UNIT FOR WOMEN", FORMERLY KNOWN AS THE "PRE-RELEASE COMMUNITY ADULT REHABILITATION CENTER FOR WOMEN", AS A PRE-RELEASE UNIT.

(B) THE COMMISSIONER HAS ALL POWERS, AUTHORITY, DUTIES, AND FUNCTIONS RELATING TO THE PRE-RELEASE UNIT FOR WOMEN AS CONFERRED UPON THE COMMISSIONER IN THIS ARTICLE RELATING TO CORRECTIONAL AND REFORMATORY INSTITUTIONS.

(C) (1) THE COMMISSIONER SHALL DEVELOP COMPREHENSIVE REHABILITATIVE PRE-RELEASE SERVICES, AND SHALL MAKE THESE SERVICES AVAILABLE TO INMATES OF THE PRE-RELEASE UNIT FOR WOMEN.

(2) COMPREHENSIVE REHABILITATIVE PRE-RELEASE SERVICES SHALL:

(I) ASSIST INMATES TO IMPROVE THEIR EDUCATION, UPGRADE THEIR VOCATIONAL SKILLS, AND OBTAIN SUITABLE EMPLOYMENT;

(II) GRANT INMATES THE OPPORTUNITY TO STRENGTHEN FAMILY AND COMMUNITY RELATIONSHIPS THROUGH EXTENDED FAMILY LEAVE;