

Act an emergency measure; and generally relating to various correctional programs for prisoners in the custody of the Dorchester County Department of Corrections.

BY adding to

Article 27 – Crimes and Punishments

Section 645MM

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1992 Replacement Volume and 1993 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

645MM.

(A) THIS SECTION ONLY APPLIES TO DORCHESTER COUNTY.

(B) (1) THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MAY ESTABLISH THE FOLLOWING PROGRAMS UNDER THE DORCHESTER COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS:

- (I) COMMUNITY SERVICE;
- (II) HOME DETENTION;
- (III) PRETRIAL RELEASE; AND
- (IV) WORK RELEASE.

(2) THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT ANY PROGRAM ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS SECTION.

(C) WHEN AN INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS NO OTHER CHARGES PENDING IN ANY JURISDICTION IS SENTENCED TO THE CUSTODY OF THE WARDEN OF THE DORCHESTER COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, THE COURT MAY, AT THE TIME OF SENTENCING OR AT ANY TIME DURING THE INDIVIDUAL'S INCARCERATION, PRESCRIBE THAT THE INDIVIDUAL MAY PARTICIPATE IN ANY PROGRAM ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS SECTION.

(D) AN INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS BEEN DESIGNATED TO PARTICIPATE IN A PROGRAM UNDER THIS SECTION MAY BE GRANTED THE PRIVILEGE OF LEAVING THE DETENTION CENTER TO:

- (1) CONTINUE THE INDIVIDUAL'S REGULAR EMPLOYMENT; OR
- (2) SEEK NEW EMPLOYMENT.

(E) (1) THE INCOME OF AN INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS BEEN DESIGNATED TO PARTICIPATE IN A WORK RELEASE PROGRAM, LESS PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS REQUIRED BY LAW, SHALL BE COLLECTED BY OR SURRENDERED TO THE WARDEN OR THE WARDEN'S DESIGNEE.