

and standards be subject to certain regulations; requiring the State Alcohol and Drug Abuse Administration to adopt certain regulations; requiring the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to submit a certain report by a certain date to certain persons; requiring the State to provide funding for the provision of alcohol abuse and drug abuse treatment under specified circumstances; requiring the phasing in of certain funding provisions of this Act in a certain manner over a certain period of time; defining certain terms; requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services, and the Department of Juvenile Justice to conduct certain studies and present certain reports; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to State funding for alcohol abuse and drug abuse treatment of inmates.

BY adding to

Article - Health - General

Section 8-6A-01 and 8-6A-02 to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 6A. Alcohol Abuse and Drug Abuse Treatment for Inmates"

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1994 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

#### Preamble

~~WHEREAS, Many studies have indicated that substance abuse constitutes one of the major contributing factors to criminal activity, including violent crimes and property crimes; and~~

~~WHEREAS, A study by the pretrial release program in Baltimore City estimated that 70% of those arrested tested positive for drug use; and~~

~~WHEREAS, There is a 6-month waiting period in the State to receive drug treatment; and~~

~~WHEREAS, Alcohol and drug abuse treatment programs constitute a good investment of public funds yielding a significant return; and~~

~~WHEREAS, The benefits of alcohol and drug abuse treatment programs justify the use of scarce public funds to pay for these programs; and~~

~~WHEREAS, The results of a landmark 1992 study in California of the effectiveness and benefits of alcohol and drug abuse treatment programs in California indicated three major findings: (1) there is a \$7 return for every dollar invested in these programs; (2) criminal activities of individuals who have an alcohol or drug abuse dependence significantly declined after the completion of treatment; and (3) significant improvements in health and corresponding reductions in hospitalizations of individuals were found during and after treatment; now, therefore,~~

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