

certain court costs, fines, restitution payments, probation fees, and other judicial fees; ~~authorizing the State Court Administrator~~ Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to enter into certain contracts; establishing a deadline for the contract required by this Act; providing that a contract shall be awarded through competitive sealed proposals; requiring a request for proposal to comply with certain requirements; establishing rules concerning the ~~reimbursement~~ compensation of a private contractor; ~~requiring a private contractor to offer employment to certain government employees;~~ establishing program requirements for a private contractor; establishing a priority for the disbursement of money; ~~authorizing the appointment of a standing master to hold hearings concerning collection matters; establishing procedures for the standing master; authorizing the standing master to issue a report; authorizing a private contractor to collect certain fees~~ requiring private contractors to offer employment to employees who are affected by the transfer of collection responsibilities under this Act, on certain terms, for a certain duration, and at a certain salary and benefit level; requiring a private contractor to adopt a certain grievance procedure for certain employees; requiring the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services to assist certain employees in identifying certain positions to which the employee may apply for transfer; providing that an employee who declines an offer of employment under this Act is considered laid off and is entitled to certain rights; providing that certain current State employees who are employed by the contractors may return to State service at the termination of the Program under certain conditions; requiring the cooperation of State government units; requiring a certain report; providing for the expansion of the pilot program to an additional county; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the collection of judicial fees.

BY adding to

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings

Section 7-406

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1995 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

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

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings

7-406.

(A) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, IN ~~BALTIMORE CITY~~ HARFORD COUNTY AND MONTGOMERY COUNTY THERE IS A PILOT PROGRAM TO ALLOW A PRIVATE CONTRACTOR TO COLLECT THE FOLLOWING:

(1) EXCEPT FOR MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES THAT ARE NOT REFERRED TO THE DIVISION OF PAROLE AND PROBATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES, FOR CRIMINAL CASES IN THE DISTRICT COURT AND CIRCUIT COURT SYSTEMS:

(I) COURT COSTS, INCLUDING CRIMINAL INJURIES COMPENSATION COSTS;