

defining certain terms; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Advisory Council on Offender Employment Coordination.

BY adding to

Article - Correctional Services

Section 2-301 through ~~2-308~~ 2-307, inclusive, to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 3. Advisory Council on Offender Employment Coordination"

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1999 Volume and 2000 Supplement)

Preamble

~~WHEREAS, Maryland has experienced both an increased demand for a trained and skilled labor force and an increased offender population seeking employment opportunities; and~~

~~WHEREAS, Pilot projects in other states and cities have led to the creation of successful public private partnerships that are focused on employment as a tool for long term change in offender behavior; and~~

~~WHEREAS, Recidivism is dramatically decreased through the use of well designed employment initiatives that include job preparation and skills development components along with placement and retention efforts; and~~

~~WHEREAS, There is a need to establish employment related efforts that span the correctional system, from prison to community; and~~

~~WHEREAS, Employment reduces criminal behavior of offenders and therefore plays a significant role in crime control efforts and in improving the quality of life of all citizens and in all communities; now, therefore,~~

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

Article - Correctional Services

SUBTITLE 3. ADVISORY COUNCIL ON OFFENDER EMPLOYMENT COORDINATION.

2-301.

(A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(B) "COUNCIL" MEANS THE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON OFFENDER EMPLOYMENT COORDINATION.

(C) "EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR" MEANS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON OFFENDER EMPLOYMENT COORDINATION.

(D) (1) "GOVERNMENTAL UNIT" MEANS A PERMANENT INSTRUMENTALITY IN THE EXECUTIVE, LEGISLATIVE, OR JUDICIAL BRANCH OF STATE GOVERNMENT.