

(ii) has no other charges pending in any jurisdiction FOR A CRIME OF VIOLENCE AS DEFINED UNDER § 14-101(D) OF THE CRIMINAL LAW ARTICLE.

(2) If the Department approves, an inmate in the custody of the Howard County Detention Center may leave the Center to participate in a work release program.

(3) An inmate who has been designated to participate in a work release program may:

- (i) continue regular employment; or
- (ii) obtain new employment.

(4) An inmate who has been sentenced to the custody of the Department shall be confined to the Howard County Detention Center:

- (i) except as provided in this section; or
- (ii) unless a court orders otherwise.

(e) An inmate who is employed while in a work release program under this section shall:

(1) reimburse the Department by paying a fee based on:

(i) the Department's estimated cost of providing food and lodging to the inmate; and

(ii) the estimated expenses incurred by the Department because of the inmate's participation in the work release program; and

(2) pay to the Director court-ordered payments for restitution.

(f) An inmate employed in the community under this section is not an agent or employee of the County, the Director, THE COURT OR any judicial officer, or any public officer of the County.

(g) An inmate who violates a condition or provision of trust that the [sentencing judge] COURT or the Department establishes is subject to:

(1) removal from the work release program; and

(2) cancellation of any earned diminution of the inmate's term of confinement.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2004.

Approved May 11, 2004.

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