

Senate Bill No. 490

AN ACT concerning

Merit System – Examinations – Preference Points

FOR the purpose of allowing residents of certain counties with certain levels of unemployment to receive certain preference points on competitive examinations for initial employment with the Division of Correction of the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services; defining certain terms; and providing for termination of this Act.

BY adding to

- Article 64A – Merit System
- Section 18(d-1)
- Annotated Code of Maryland
- (1988 Replacement Volume and 1991 Supplement)

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

Article 64A – Merit System

18.

(D-1) (1) (I) IN THIS SUBSECTION THE FOLLOWING TERMS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(II) "HOST COUNTY" MEANS ANY COUNTY IN WHICH A PRISON FACILITY IS LOCATED OR A COUNTY ADJACENT TO A COUNTY IN WHICH A PRISON FACILITY IS LOCATED.

(III) "PRISON FACILITY" MEANS ANY NEW STATE CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION OF 1,000 BEDS OR MORE, CONSTRUCTED FOR THE DIVISION OF CORRECTION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES AFTER JANUARY 1, 1985.

(2) IN A COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION FOR AN INITIAL APPOINTMENT TO ANY POSITION IN THE DIVISION OF CORRECTION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES ~~A~~ PRISON FACILITY, THE SECRETARY SHALL ALLOW 5 PREFERENCE POINTS TO EACH RESIDENT OF A HOST COUNTY THAT, IN THE PRECEDING 12-MONTH PERIOD ~~ENDING SEPTEMBER 1ST~~ FOR WHICH THE MOST RECENT DATA IS AVAILABLE AS REPORTED BY THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND EMPLOYMENT DEVELOPMENT, HAS AN AVERAGE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE THAT IS MORE THAN \geq 1.5 TIMES THE STATE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE AS A WHOLE.