

employment for the prisoner paying a fair and reasonable wage, and the prisoner shall work at fair and reasonable employment and fair and reasonable hours per day and per week.

645L.

Whenever the prisoner is not employed, and between the hours or periods of employment, he shall be confined in jail unless the court shall direct otherwise.

645M.

(a) The earnings of prisoners shall be collected by the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services. From these earnings the Department shall pay the following:

- (1) The cost of providing food, lodging and clothing by the place of incarceration to the State or the county;
- (2) Court ordered payments for support of dependents; and
- (3) Court ordered payments for restitution.

(b) Any balance remaining after the payments as set out in subsection (a) shall be credited to the prisoner's account and paid to him within 15 days of his release.

645N.

If approved by the committing court, the prisoner obtains a diminution of one fourth of his term if his conduct, diligence and general attitude merit such diminution.

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In case of the violation of the conditions laid down for his conduct, custody and employment, he shall be returned to the court; and it may then require that the balance of his sentence be spent in actual confinement and may cancel any earned diminution of his term.

645P.

The sheriff shall receive such extra expense allowance and mileage as the board of county commissioners determines for his additional service under the terms of this subtitle.

645Q.

The provisions of this subtitle shall extend to a person committed to jail by a court of record upon an adjudication of contempt of court.

645R.

In this subtitle "jail" includes county or municipal lockups, prison farms and other similar places used for the detention of offenders against the laws of the State of Maryland, and "sheriff" includes the jailer or superintendent thereof.