

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1968.

Approved May 7, 1968.

---

CHAPTER 551

(Senate Bill 392)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, subsections (a) and (b) of Section 700A, and to add new subsection (g) to Section 700A, to follow immediately after subsection (f) thereof, all of Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1967 Replacement Volume and 1967 Supplement), title "Crimes and Punishments," subtitle "Places of Reformation and Punishment," subheading "Department of Correction," sub-subheading "Prisoners," authorizing school attendance as part of a work release program, authorizing the Commissioner of Correction to designate a subordinate to act in his absence upon applications for participation on the work release program, and further providing for discretionary, non-binding recommendations by sentencing courts concerning consideration of prisoners by the Department of Correction for participation on the work release program.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That subsections (a) and (b) of Section 700A, be and the same are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, and new subsection (g) be and the same is hereby added to Section 700A, to follow immediately after subsection (f) thereof, all of Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1967 Replacement Volume and 1967 Supplement), title "Crimes and Punishments," subtitle "Places of Reformation and Punishment," subheading "Department of Correction," sub-subheading "Prisoners," and to read as follows:

700A.

(a) The Department of Correction is authorized to establish a "work release" program under which prisoners sentenced to the jurisdiction of said Department may be granted the privilege of leaving actual confinement during necessary and reasonable hours for the [purpose] purposes of working at gainful private employment or attending school as part of a work release program in this State. Such program may also include, under appropriate conditions, release for the purpose of seeking such employment.

(b) A prisoner eligible to participate in the "work release" program in accordance with the preceding subsection may make application to the warden or superintendent of the institution in which he is confined for permission to participate in such program. The application shall include a statement by the prisoner that he agrees to abide by all terms and conditions of the particular plan adopted for him by the Commissioner of Correction or his designee if such application is approved, shall state the name and address of the proposed employer, if any, or of the proposed school training pro-