

HOUSE BILL 650

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By: **Delegate Waldstreicher (By Request – Task Force on Prisoner Reentry)**
and Delegates Anderson, Barnes, Carter, Clippinger, Davis, Gaines,
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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Correctional Services – Diminution Credits – Educational Accomplishment**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing, with certain exceptions, a certain inmate to receive a
4 certain deduction from the inmate's term of confinement for earning a certain
5 diploma, degree, certification, or certificate of completion; requiring the
6 Commissioner of Correction to adopt certain regulations; and generally relating
7 to the terms of confinement of inmates.

8 BY adding to

9 Article – Correctional Services

10 Section 3–706.1

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

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

15 **Article – Correctional Services**

16 **3–706.1.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 (A) ~~IN~~ EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, IN
2 ADDITION TO ANY OTHER DEDUCTIONS ALLOWED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE, AN
3 INMATE MAY BE ALLOWED A DEDUCTION OF 60 DAYS FROM THE INMATE'S TERM
4 OF CONFINEMENT FOR EACH OF THE FOLLOWING EARNED BY THE INMATE:

5 (1) A GENERAL EQUIVALENCY DIPLOMA OR A HIGH SCHOOL
6 DIPLOMA;

7 (2) A 2-YEAR OR 4-YEAR COLLEGE DEGREE;

8 (3) A 2-YEAR OR 4-YEAR CERTIFICATION IN APPLIED SCIENCES;

9 (4) A TECHNICAL EDUCATION DIPLOMA AS PROVIDED AND
10 DEFINED BY THE COMMISSIONER; OR

11 (5) A CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION FOR A CIVICS EDUCATION
12 PROGRAM THAT REQUIRES PASSING A FINAL EXAMINATION.

13 (B) THE COMMISSIONER SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE
14 DETERMINATION OF DEDUCTIONS AUTHORIZED UNDER THIS SECTION.

15 (C) THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO AN INMATE WHO IS SERVING A
16 SENTENCE FOR A VIOLATION OF § 2-201, § 2-204, § 2-205, OR § 2-206 OF THE
17 CRIMINAL LAW ARTICLE.

18 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
19 October 1, 2012.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.