

HOUSE BILL 1419

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By: **Delegate Rosenberg**

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Assigned to: Appropriations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Correctional Services – Division of Parole and Probation**

3 FOR the purpose of stating the intent of the General Assembly that, in accordance with a
4 certain risk and needs assessment administered by the Division of Parole and
5 Probation in the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services, the active
6 caseload of a parole and probation agent may not exceed a certain number of cases
7 requiring a certain level of supervision; requiring the Division to submit a certain
8 report regarding certain activities undertaken by the Division; and generally
9 relating to caseload requirements for parole and probation agents at the Division of
10 Parole and Probation in the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services.

11 BY adding to
12 Article – Correctional Services
13 Section 6–122
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2017 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

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

18 **Article – Correctional Services**

19 **6–122.**

20 **IT IS THE INTENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THAT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH**
21 **THE RISK AND NEEDS ASSESSMENT ADMINISTERED BY THE DIVISION, THE ACTIVE**
22 **CASELOAD RATIO FOR PAROLE AND PROBATION AGENTS MAY NOT EXCEED 30 CASES**
23 **REQUIRING HIGH LEVEL SUPERVISION, LEVEL 1 SEXUAL OFFENDER SUPERVISION,**
24 **OR VIOLENCE PREVENTION INITIATIVE LEVEL SUPERVISION PER AGENT.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, on or before December 1,
2 2020, the Division of Parole and Probation shall submit a report in accordance with §
3 2–1257 of the State Government Article to the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee and
4 the House Judiciary Committee on:

5 (1) the results of research on the effect that properly supported parolees
6 serving as mentors, such as volunteering for organizations such as Safe Streets Baltimore,
7 can have on reducing recidivism rates;

8 (2) the results of research on whether the community supervision model,
9 providing greater support to parolees through individually tailored assistance, is more
10 likely to reduce a parolee's return to prison;

11 (3) whether parole and probation agents currently have the time and
12 resources to provide supervision in a community based model;

13 (4) the steps that the Division has taken to provide mentorship
14 opportunities to parolees; and

15 (5) the steps the Division has taken to implement a community supervision
16 model.

17 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
18 October 1, 2020.