

HOUSE BILL 301

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Assigned to: Judiciary

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Correctional Services – Diminution of a Term of Confinement – First-Degree**
3 **Rape and First-Degree Sexual Offense**
4 **(Pava Marie LaPere Act)**

5 FOR the purpose of prohibiting an incarcerated individual who is serving a sentence for
6 first-degree rape or first-degree sexual offense as first-degree sexual offense existed
7 prior to a certain date from being entitled to diminution of the incarcerated
8 individual's term of confinement; and generally relating to the diminution of an
9 incarcerated individual's term of confinement.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
11 Article – Correctional Services
12 Section 3–702
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2017 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)
15 (As enacted by Chapter 721 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2023)

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 3–702.

20 (a) Subject to subsections (b) and (c) of this section, § 3–711 of this subtitle, and
21 Title 7, Subtitle 5 of this article, an incarcerated individual committed to the custody of the
22 Commissioner is entitled to a diminution of the incarcerated individual's term of
23 confinement as provided under this subtitle.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (b) An incarcerated individual who is serving a sentence for a violation of [§
2 3–303 or] **THE FOLLOWING PROVISIONS IS NOT ENTITLED TO A DIMINUTION OF THE**
3 **INCARCERATED INDIVIDUAL’S TERM OF CONFINEMENT AS PROVIDED UNDER THIS**
4 **SUBTITLE:**

5 (1) § 3–304 of the Criminal Law Article involving a victim who is a child
6 under the age of 16 years[, or an incarcerated individual who is serving a sentence for a
7 violation of § 3–305 or];

8 (2) § 3–306 of the Criminal Law Article, as the [sections] **SECTION** existed
9 before October 1, 2017, involving a victim who is a child under the age of 16 years[, is not
10 entitled to a diminution of the incarcerated individual’s term of confinement as provided
11 under this subtitle];

12 (3) **§ 3–303 OF THE CRIMINAL LAW ARTICLE; OR**

13 (4) **§ 3–305 OF THE CRIMINAL LAW ARTICLE, AS THE SECTION**
14 **EXISTED BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 2017.**

15 (c) An incarcerated individual who is serving a sentence for a violation of § 3–307
16 of the Criminal Law Article involving a victim who is a child under the age of 16 years is
17 not entitled to a diminution of the incarcerated individual’s term of confinement as provided
18 under this subtitle, if the incarcerated individual was previously convicted of a violation of
19 § 3–307 of the Criminal Law Article involving a victim who is a child under the age of 16
20 years.

21 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED,** That this Act shall take effect
22 October 1, 2024.