

HOUSE BILL 544

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By: **Delegates Mireku–North, Bagnall, Crutchfield, Henson, Hill, Lopez, and Ruth**
Introduced and read first time: February 1, 2023
Assigned to: Judiciary

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Department of Planning – Collateral Consequences for Individuals With**
3 **Criminal Records – Study**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Planning, in coordination with the
5 Maryland State Data Center, to study, report on, and make recommendations
6 relating to certain collateral consequences for individuals with criminal records;
7 requiring the Department to report certain information to the General Assembly by
8 a certain date; and generally relating to collateral consequences for individuals with
9 criminal records.

10 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
11 That:

12 (a) The Department of Planning, in coordination with the Maryland State Data
13 Center, shall examine, report on, and make recommendations relating to collateral
14 consequences for individuals with criminal records, including the following areas:

15 (1) the right to vote;

16 (2) the right to hold public office;

17 (3) restrictions on employment in certain professions and policies,
18 practices, and statistics regarding private employers in the State in hiring individuals with
19 criminal records;

20 (4) restrictions on the ability to obtain certain business, occupational, and
21 professional licenses, including a liquor license;

22 (5) restrictions on the receipt of public assistance, including federal or state
23 grants, federal cash assistance, food assistance, and public housing;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



- 1 (6) restrictions on international travel;
- 2 (7) the abrogation of certain parental rights; and
- 3 (8) restrictions on jury duty service.

4 (b) On or before December 31, 2023, the Department shall report its findings and
5 recommendations to the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State
6 Government Article.

7 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June
8 1, 2023. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and 1 month and, at the end of June
9 30, 2024, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be
10 abrogated and of no further force and effect.