

HOUSE BILL 285

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CF SB 210

By: **Chair, Judiciary Committee (By Request – Departmental – Public Safety and Correctional Services)**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Correctional Services – Home Detention – Monitoring and Security**

3 FOR the purpose of transferring the monitoring and security of the home detention
4 programs of the Division of Correction to the Warrant Apprehension Unit of the
5 Intelligence and Investigative Division within the Department of Public Safety and
6 Correctional Services; and generally relating to home detention.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article – Correctional Services
9 Section 3–403, 3–412, and 10–702
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2025 Replacement Volume)

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

14 **Article – Correctional Services**

15 3–403.

16 An incarcerated individual in the program shall be supervised by means of:

17 (1) electronic devices; and

18 (2) direct contact by employees of the **WARRANT APPREHENSION UNIT**
19 **OF THE INTELLIGENCE AND INVESTIGATIVE** Division.

20 3–412.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



(a) The Commissioner shall [employ correctional] **AUTHORIZE** employees **OF THE WARRANT APPREHENSION UNIT OF THE INTELLIGENCE AND INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION** to monitor and provide security for incarcerated individuals in the program.

(b) [A correctional] **AN** employee [designated] **OF THE WARRANT APPREHENSION UNIT HAS THE AUTHORITY PROVIDED UNDER § 10-702 OF THIS ARTICLE** to monitor incarcerated individuals in the program [may:

(1) obtain and execute search warrants as authorized under § 3-415 of this subtitle; and

(2) make arrests as authorized under § 2-207 of the Criminal Procedure Article.

(c) A correctional employee authorized to make arrests under this section shall:

(1) meet the minimum qualifications required by the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission; and

(2) complete satisfactorily the training prescribed by the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission].

10-702.

(a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

(2) “Offender” [has the meaning stated in § 6-101 of this article] **MEANS:**

(I) AN INDIVIDUAL ON PROBATION, PAROLE, OR MANDATORY SUPERVISION; OR

(II) AN INCARCERATED INDIVIDUAL DETAINED OR CONFINED IN A STATE CORRECTIONAL FACILITY.

(3) “Program” has the meaning stated in **§ 3-401, § 5-202, OR** § 6-101 of this article.

(b) There is a Warrant Apprehension Unit in the Intelligence and Investigative Division.

(c) The Director of the Intelligence and Investigative Division may authorize employees of the Warrant Apprehension Unit of the Intelligence and Investigative Division to:

(1) execute warrants for the retaking of offenders;

1 (2) execute warrants for the arrest of [probationers] **OFFENDERS** for
2 whom a warrant is issued for an alleged violation of [probation] **THE PROGRAM**;

3 (3) obtain and execute search warrants as authorized under **§ 3-415 OR §**
4 6-109 of this article; and

5 (4) arrest offenders in the program as authorized under § 2-207 of the
6 Criminal Procedure Article.

7 (d) An Intelligence and Investigative Division employee who is authorized to
8 make arrests under this section shall:

9 (1) meet the minimum qualifications required by the Maryland Police
10 Training and Standards Commission; and

11 (2) complete satisfactorily the training prescribed by the Maryland Police
12 Training and Standards Commission.

13 (e) An Intelligence and Investigative Division employee who is authorized to
14 make arrests under this section may also exercise the powers of a peace officer and police
15 officer.

16 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
17 October 1, 2026.