

Task Force on Criminal Justice Reform

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Friday, May 6, 2016
2:00 - 4:30 PM

- 2:00 PM** **Call to Order**
Welcome and Introductions
- 2:05 PM** Panel Discussion: Civil Asset Forfeiture Reform. Maryland State Senator Michael Hough, and Holly Harris, Executive Director, Justice Action Network. Moderator: Rep. Lisa Billy.
- 2:35 PM** Panel Discussion: Reforming Juvenile Sex Offender Registry. Eli Lehrer, President, R Street Institute. Stacie Rumenap, President, Stop Child Predators. Moderator: Rep. Lisa Billy.
- 3:05 PM** Presentation: Community Recognizance Indigent Bond. Nick Wachinski, CEO, Lexington National Insurance Corporation. Second Speaker: TBD. Moderator: Rep. Lisa Billy.
- 3:50 PM** Presentation of New Proposed Model Policies: Marc Levin, Policy Director, Right on Crime. Introducer: TBD.
- 4:05 PM** Discussion of Model Policies for 5-Year Sunset Review (Retain, Amend or Sunset):
- 1. Criminal Intent Protection Act (mens rea)
 - 2. Resolution on DNA Testing and Victims' Rights
 - 3. Law Enforcement Officer Safety Equipment Fund Act
 - 4. Civil Liability For Employers Hiring Ex-Offenders Act
 - 5. Treating Accused Persons Fairly Act
- 4:15 PM** **For the Good of the Order**
- 4:30 PM** **Adjournment**

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Correctional Services – Restrictive Housing – Report

Summary

The purpose of requiring the state corrections agency on or before a certain date each year to submit certain data to the governor's office relating to the use of certain restrictive housing in correctional facilities is requiring the state corrections agency to make certain information available on the agency's website during a certain term and generally relating to correctional facilities.

Model Legislation

Section 1. Defining words and terms in italics.

- (a) In this section restrictive housing means a type of detention that involves
- (1) Removal of an inmate from the general inmate population either voluntarily or involuntarily
 - (2) Placement of the inmate in a lock room or cell either alone or with another inmate and
 - (3) The inability of the inmate to leave the room or cell for the vast majority of the day typically 22 hours or more.
- (b) (1) On or before October 1 each year the corrections agency shall submit data to the governor's office concerning by correctional facility
- (i) the total population of the correctional facility
 - (ii) the number of inmates who have been placed in restrictive housing during the preceding year by age race ethnicity gender classification of housing and the basis for the inmate's placement in restrictive housing
 - (iii) the number of inmates with serious mental illness that are placed in restrictive housing during the preceding year
 - (iv) the definition of serious mental illness used by the agency in making the report

- (v) the number of inmates known to be pregnant or in the postpartum period when placed in restrictive housing during the preceding year;
- (vi) the average and median lengths of stay in restrictive housing of the inmates placed in restrictive housing during the preceding year;
- (vii) the number of incidents of death, self-harm, and attempts at self-harm by inmates in restrictive housing during the preceding year;
- (viii) the number of inmates released from restrictive housing directly into the community during the preceding year;
- (ix) any other data the agency considers relevant to the use of restrictive housing by correctional facilities in the state; and
- (x) any changes to written policies or procedures at each correctional facility relating to the use and conditions of restrictive housing, including steps to reduce reliance on restrictive housing.
- (xi) if possible, an estimate of the cost of total and per inmate cost of restrictive housing compared with the average cost per inmate of those in the general population.

(2) the agency shall make the information submitted in accordance with paragraph (1) of this subsection available on the agency's web site.

