

R055-0910

10 **A Resolution Concerning**
20 **MARYLAND PRISON REFORM**

30 **WHEREAS:** According to the National Correctional Industries Association, Maryland ranks
40 ninth in the sales of prisoner-made merchandise; and,

50 **WHEREAS:** Maryland Correctional Enterprises has been lauded as "Maryland's premier
60 rehabilitation program" and endeavors to be financially successful; and,

70 **WHEREAS:** In fiscal year 2008, Maryland Correctional Enterprises recorded sales of
80 approximately \$51.5 million; and,

90 **WHEREAS:** Revenues generated by such a fund ought to be used to further prisoner
100 rehabilitation; and,

110 **WHEREAS:** Current profits from this program are typically distributed into the state's general
120 fund after some monies are allocated to expanding the program; and,

130 **WHEREAS:** Due to the high per-prisoner cost of correctional facilities in Maryland it is
140 appropriate to address prison reform; and,

150 **WHEREAS:** Funding for secondary and post-secondary education for prisoners is extremely
160 limited.

170 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Maryland Student Legislature urges the Maryland
180 General Assembly to pass and Governor Martin O'Malley to sign legislation
190 funding a study to report on the best way to use surpluses from Maryland
200 Correctional Enterprises to further prisoner rehabilitation with a particular aim on
210 the usefulness of funding secondary education for inmates with such monies.

220 **MANDATES:**
230 Martin O'Malley, Governor of Maryland
240 Anthony G. Brown, Lieutenant Governor of Maryland
250 Thomas V. Mike Miller, President of the Senate
260 Michael E. Busch, Speaker of the House of Delegates

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