

MARYLAND ALLIANCE FOR JUSTICE REFORM

Working to end unnecessary incarceration and build strong, safe communities



Please join us for MAJR's spring General Meeting!

Zoom Thursday 5/15 at 7pm

Despite stiff economic headwinds, five important bills that MAJR prioritized in 2025 have passed and arrived on the Governor's desk. (See the chart below with links to the bills as amended.)

Most of these bills should make a difference to thousands of Marylanders – and should provide savings to state taxpayers with no adverse impact on public safety!

But there still is much to do – and you can help update our priorities going forward. Also, at our May meeting we look forward to an update from Correctional Ombudsman Yvonne Briley-Wilson on her first six months in office.

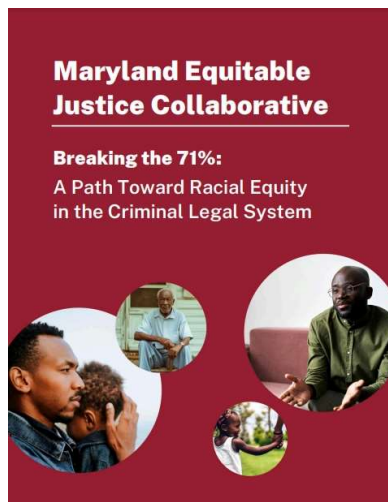
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FIVE MAJR PRIORITY BILLS PASSED IN THE 2025 MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSION:

Priority Bill	Workgroup	Bill Text	Result
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Geriatric / Medical Parole	Behind the Walls	HB1123	Passed: To Governor
Second Look Act	Behind the Walls	HB0853	Passed: To Governor
Expungement Reform Act	Back Door	SB0432	Passed: To Governor
Maryland Fair Taxation	Back Door	SB0295	Passed: To Governor
Child Support, Driver's License Suspension	Front Door	HB0681	Passed: To Governor

MEJC Report



The Maryland Equitable Justice Collaborative inaugural report, “**Breaking the 71%: A Path Toward Racial Equity in the Criminal Legal System**” (2025), examines the systemic factors contributing to the overrepresentation of Black Marylanders in the state’s correctional facilities and offers 18 concrete recommendations for reform.

Commenting on the legislative success we have had, Attorney General Brown remarked “These new laws represent a critical step forward in addressing the deep injustices caused by mass incarceration in Maryland. In just 18 months, we’ve made meaningful progress—offering relief to those who have been incarcerated far too long, particularly Black youth, and ensuring that individuals who are seriously ill or elderly have a chance to leave prison and live out their lives with dignity.”

Read the **Executive Summary** of this report.

MAJR is a nonpartisan, all-volunteer 501(c)4 grass-roots lobbying organization of more than 1900 Marylanders and over **50 endorsing organizations** in every part of the state who advocate for evidence-based legislative and policy changes in Maryland's correctional practices. We support effective alternatives to incarceration, policies to address inequities, and efforts to allow citizens returning from prison to lead productive lives.

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