

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES  
FY 2018 MARYLAND PAROLE COMMISSION**

**Retake Warrants:**

**Issue:** Given that there are fewer retake warrants issued, the agency should comment on steps taken to improve retake warrant processing time.

**Response:** Warrant processing is a crucial component of the timely apprehension of supervision violators. The Maryland Parole Commission has diligently worked to exceed target goals by utilizing technological advances and continuously training staff. Technological advances and systems – such as the Offender Case Management System (OCMS) – increases the Parole Commission’s ability to collect and analyze information about wanted persons and then share that information with other law enforcement agencies.

The Commission is also dedicated to the continued development of the employees through training, both internally and externally. It is both necessary and advantageous to keep Commission staff informed and knowledgeable about the continuing changes in technology. Ensuring proper training on technological changes and existing policies will allow the Parole Commission to achieve even greater progress.

**Recommended Actions**

1. Adopt the following narrative:

**Implementing the Justice Reinvestment Act:** Chapter 515 of 2016, the Justice Reinvestment Act (JRA), established Maryland’s path to comprehensive criminal justice reform by altering provisions relating to sentencing, corrections, parole, and supervision of offenders. The Maryland Parole Commission (MPC) is responsible for several initiatives under the Act, regarding statewide parole policy and reform. The budget committees request that MPC provide a progress report on the status of the JRA implementation, including an update on which provisions set to begin in October 2017 have in fact started, performance data, and costs/needs related to implementation by December 1, 2017.

**Response:** The Department concurs with the recommended action.