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**Harford County-State's Attorney's Office and Child Support Administration-Transfer of
Personnel**

House Appropriations Committee

SUPPORT

February 18, 2020

Dear Chair McIntosh and Committee members:

HB 407 is a Harford County Delegation bill which is cross-filed with SB 137 and transfers all of the functions, powers and duties of the Child Support Unit of the Harford County State's Attorney's Office to the Maryland Department of Human Resources, Child Support Administration as authorized by State law.

The transfer includes all employees of the Unit on June 30, 2020, other than the Assistant State's Attorneys. The Assistant State's Attorneys may seek appointment by the Office of the Attorney General to continue providing child support enforcement services. This legislation will assure that the transferred employees will have commensurate salary and benefits as well as State service credit for years of county employment. They will also remain in the same offices that they currently occupy and retain all of the same equipment that they currently use.

A County under a cooperative agreement with the State may request that the responsibility for support enforcement be transferred to the Child Support Administration. Such requests must be made by September 1st of the year preceding the fiscal year for which responsibility will be transferred. Harford County has made such a request in the appropriate time frame.

A majority of Maryland Counties have transferred the duties of child support enforcement back to the State under similar circumstances. Most recently, Charles and Carroll Counties have done the transfer.

I respectfully ask for a favorable report from the committee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Teresa E. Reilly'.

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