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Joint Committee on Ending  
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Joint Committee on Children,  
Youth, and Families

THE SENATE OF MARYLAND  
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401

Dear Colleagues,

***SB973 – Joint Committee on Ending Homelessness –  
Reports on Housing Status***

The need for this legislation was recognized during the Joint Committee on Ending Homelessness interim meetings.

SB973 would simply require four state agencies to report to the Joint Committee on Ending Homelessness on the housing status of individuals who have been discharged, released or served by those state agencies in the preceding 12 months.

**The Health Services Cost Review Commission shall report:**

- the number of patients discharged;
- the number of patients discharged who did not have a stable, permanent residence at the time of their discharge;
- the rate of readmission among:
  - patients with a stable permanent residence versus patients without a stable permanent residence; and
- the housing and social services provided to discharged patients.

**The Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services shall report:**

- the number of inmates released;
- the number of released inmates who did not have a stable, permanent residence at the time of release or parole;
- the number of released inmates who re-entered correctional facilities within a year of release or parole; and
- the settings to which inmates without a stable, permanent residence were released.

**The Department of Labor and the Department of Human Services shall report:**

- the number of individuals who did not have a stable, permanent residence while participating in workforce development programs; and
- the housing and social services provided to those individuals while participating in workforce development programs.

In partnership,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mary L. Washington".

Senator Mary Washington, District 43