

MARYLAND JUDICIAL CONFERENCE
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Hon. Mary Ellen Barbera
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MEMORANDUM

TO: House Judiciary Committee
FROM: Legislative Committee
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RE: House Bill 1069
Juvenile Causes – Court Records
DATE: February 12, 2020
(2/27)
POSITION: Support

The Maryland Judiciary supports House Bill 1069. This bill would amend § 3-827 of the Courts and Judicial Proceedings Article to add, as an exception to the confidentiality of court records pertaining to a child, that the Department of Juvenile Services is not prohibited from reviewing court records if the Department is providing treatment, services, or care to a child who is the subject of that record.

This statutory change would help facilitate the exchange of information for youth who are involved with both the child welfare and juvenile justice systems. This will help all juvenile courts, including those who have formal Crossover Youth Practice Model programs.

cc. Hon. Nicole Williams
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