

**MARYLAND JUDICIAL CONFERENCE  
GOVERNMENT RELATIONS AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS**

Hon. Matthew J. Fader  
Chief Justice

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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee  
**FROM:** Legislative Committee  
Suzanne D. Pelz, Esq.  
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**RE:** Senate Bill 1095  
Workgroup on Home Detention Monitoring  
**DATE:** February 15, 2024  
(2/28)  
**POSITION:** Support with amendment

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The Maryland Judiciary supports Senate Bill 1095 with amendments.

The Judiciary believes that home detention monitoring needs study and reform. The private home detention monitoring agencies (PHDMAs) are licensed by the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (DPSCS) and there are approximately five currently active statewide. There is little uniformity statewide and often no ability for DPSCS to know whether the PHDMA is compliant with their responsibilities. Chapter 597 of 2021 established a Workgroup on Home Detention Monitoring which was tasked with studying and making recommendations regarding the costs and availability of both publicly and privately provided pre-trial home detention monitoring systems. The Judiciary was not part of the workgroup and to our knowledge the workgroup never formed, met, or submitted a report of its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly.

Under this legislation, however, the Judiciary is not a member of the Workgroup. The Judiciary respectfully requests that a representative of the Judiciary, appointed by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, be included in the Workgroup.

cc. Hon. William Smith  
Judicial Council  
Legislative Committee  
Kelley O'Connor