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MARYLAND JUDICIAL COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

MEMORANDUM

TO: Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee
FROM: Legislative Committee
Suzanne D. Pelz, Esq.
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RE: Senate Bill 1031
Civil Actions – Lead Poisoning – Liability and Statute of
Limitations (Maryland Lead Poisoning Compensation Act)
DATE: February 28, 2024
(3/7)

COMMENT PAPER

The Judiciary respects the separation of powers doctrine and acknowledges that the legislature is the policy-making branch. As such, the Judiciary has no position on the policy aims of this legislation and defers to the legislative branch on such matters.

The Judiciary only writes to note that it is difficult to assess the operational impact and fiscal impact of the bill given the potential expansion of cases filed with the courts. Significant additional resources would be needed by the Judiciary and some jurisdictions may need to create a Lead Paint Case Management program or Lead Paint Docket, akin to the Asbestos Docket in Baltimore City.

cc. Hon. Jill Carter
Judicial Council
Legislative Committee
Kelley O'Connor