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MARYLAND JUDICIAL COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

MEMORANDUM

TO: House Judiciary Committee
FROM: Legislative Committee
Suzanne D. Pelz, Esq.
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RE: Senate Bill 1095
Workgroup on Home Detention Monitoring
DATE: March 22, 2024
(3/28)
POSITION: Support

The Maryland Judiciary supports Senate Bill 1095.

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 the original legislation, the Judiciary was not a member of the Workgroup. The Judiciary appreciates being added to the Workgroup by Senate amendment and supports Senate Bill 1095 as amended.

cc. Hon. William Smith
Judicial Council
Legislative Committee

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