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**TO:** The Honorable Luke Clippinger  
Chair, Judiciary Committee

**FROM:** Rhea Harris  
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**RE:** House Bill 614 –Criminal Law – Private Home Detention Monitoring –  
Notification - **Support**

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The Office of the Attorney General requests a favorable report on House Bill 614. House Bill 614 requires a private home detention monitoring agency to immediately notify the court after a defendant subject to home monitoring as a condition of pretrial release has been missing for 24 hours. HB 614 also requires a private home detention monitoring agency to immediately notify the Division of Parole and Probation on determining that an individual subject to home monitoring as a condition of probation has been missing for 24 hours, and it establishes the Workgroup on Home Detention Monitoring.

When a Judge releases someone from jail pending their trial, the Judge sometimes orders that the defendant be on pre-trial home detention until the trial. Although some jurisdictions offer their own home monitoring program, most of the time when someone is on home monitoring, the person pays a private home monitoring company.

Under current law, the private home monitoring company must notify the Court if someone violates home detention “on the next business day.” House Bill 614 changes the notification

requirement to “immediately.” Additionally, if court is closed, HB 614 requires the home detention company to notify a designated law enforcement agency.

House Bill 614 aims to increase accountability and public safety by requiring immediate notification of a missing pre-trial detainee.

For the foregoing reasons, the Office of the Attorney General requests a favorable report on House Bill 614.

cc: The Honorable Stephanie Smith  
Judiciary Committee Members