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TO: The Honorable Will Smith, Jr.
Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee

FROM: Adam Spangler
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RE: House Bill 877 - Prison Education Delivery Reform Commission - Reporting
and Sunset Extension– **Support**

The Office of the Attorney General (OAG) urges the Committee to favorably report on **House Bill 877**. This bill extends the termination date of the Prison Education Delivery Reform Commission by three years from (June 30, 2026, to June 30, 2029). The bill also extends by three years the deadlines by which the commission must submit (1) an interim report of its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly (from June 1, 2025, to June 1, 2028) and (2) a final report of its findings and recommendations (from January 1, 2026, to January 1, 2029). The OAG values its membership on this Task Force and is committed to the importance of producing high-quality work.

As mandated by the passage of House Bill 209/Chapter 945 of 2024, the Commission must among other things: (1) convene an advisory stakeholder group, as specified; (2) work with the advisory stakeholder group, including conducting roundtable discussion forums seeking public input in all geographic regions of the State; (3) develop an education-focused statewide framework of policies to invest in strategies to increase public safety and reduce recidivism of adult offenders, using a data-driven approach.

By extending the deadlines for the Commission, more time will be available to ensure that the Commission is able to carry out its mandated duties and that a quality report is prepared for the General Assembly.

For the above reasons, the Office of the Attorney General requests a favorable report on **House Bill 877**.

cc: The Honorable Delegate Marlon Amprey
Members of the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee

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Testimony of Delegate Marlon Amprey in Support of House Bill 877 Prison Education Delivery Reform Commission – Reporting and Sunset Extension

Dear Chairman Smith, Vice Chair Waldstreicher, and Committee members,

HB877 is being introduced to convert the Prison Education Delivery Reform Commission into a semi-permanent commission and for it to provide annual reports. This body is dedicated to uncovering the root causes of recidivism and identifying meaningful solutions to break the cycle of incarceration in Maryland.

Our state continues to grapple with persistently high rates of recidivism, a challenge that cannot be addressed without a deeper, research-driven understanding of why individuals reoffend. The incredible work of this commission is not just about expanding educational access for incarcerated individuals—it is about investigating the systemic failures that contribute to reincarceration and identifying solutions that can disrupt that cycle.

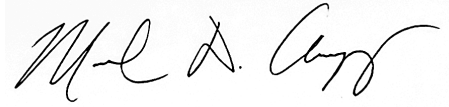
The Commission was established to examine the gaps in our correctional education system and develop strategic solutions that empower incarcerated individuals with the knowledge and skills to build productive futures. Their work is essential—but their mission is far from complete. By extending the commission's timeline, HB 0877 ensures that their recommendations are fully developed, evidence-based, and capable of driving tangible change—ultimately providing a stronger foundation for improving educational resources within our prison system to break the cycle of incarceration, reduce repeat offenses, and improve public safety.

As lawmakers, we must continue to champion solutions that give justice-involved individuals a real opportunity to rebuild their lives. Supporting this commission means investing research-driven strategies that create lasting change—equipping people with

the tools they need to reintegrate, contribute to the workforce, and reunite with their families. Today, you have the chance to help break cycles of incarceration and build pathways to opportunity for countless individuals across Maryland.

For these reasons, I urge a favorable report on HB877.

Best,

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