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## **TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HOUSE BILL 640**

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### **AINSLEY MOENCH, GOCPP POLICY AND LEGISLATIVE MANAGER**

The Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy (GOCPP) advises the Governor on criminal justice strategies, coordinates across public safety agencies, and allocates resources statewide to support public safety. As part of its duties, GOCPP staffs various workgroups, councils, boards, task forces, and commissions.

House Bill 640 repeals as obsolete Section 8-1301 through 9-1310 of the Human Services Article, which established the Commission on Trauma-Informed Care staffed by GOCPP. The Commission was created in 2021 to "coordinate a statewide initiative to prioritize the trauma-responsive and trauma-informed delivery of State services that affect children, youth, families, and older adults." The Commission submitted its final [Annual Report](#) and [Findings and Recommendations on the Development and Implementation of an ACES Aware Program](#) to the Governor, General Assembly, and Department of Legislative Services in 2023. The final Commission meeting was held in 2024.

**GOCPP urges a favorable report on HB 640.**