



POSITION ON PROPOSED LEGISLATION

BILL: SB 490
POSITION: SUPPORT
DATE: February 12, 2020

Youth Service Bureaus serve an important role in our communities by providing services to at-risk or court involved youth and preventing further court involvement and recidivism. According to the most recent DJS analysis of the outcomes of youth served by the Youth Services Bureau, 99% did not reoffend within 2 years of ending their treatment with the Youth Services Bureau. We should invest in services and programs that work for our youth and their families and prevent court involvement. The YSBs outcomes demonstrates their effectiveness. We support SB 490 in that it would ensure that the YSBs can continue to provide necessary services to Maryland's youth and prevent further juvenile justice system involvement.