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Testimony for HB0933

Judiciary Committee

Good afternoon Mr. Chairman, Madame Chairwoman, and distinguished members of the committee. I am Delegate C.T. Wilson and it's a privilege to be here to present **House Bill 0933 entitled Juvenile Offenders-Dual Sentencing.**

Bill Overview:

Authorizing a court exercising criminal jurisdiction in a certain prosecution involving a child to impose simultaneously a juvenile disposition and an adult criminal sentence; authorizing the court to order the child to complete the juvenile disposition and to suspend the adult criminal sentence under certain circumstances; and authorizing the court to take certain actions if the child commits a new offense or violates a condition of the suspended adult criminal sentence.

Bill Outline:

1. Gives courts the authority to prosecute a minor in both juvenile and adult court.
2. Authorizes courts to order the minor to complete their juvenile sentence and suspend their adult sentence under certain circumstances.
3. Authorizing the court to take specific recourses if the minor violates conditions of the suspended sentence or commits a new offense.

Conclusion: This bill will give courts the authority to impose dual sentencing on minors, but with specific conditions, and recourse to amend decisions if any violations to original sentencing conditions.

Thank you for your time and I request favorable consideration for this bill. I am open to any questions or concerns you may have about **HB0933.**