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BILL NUMBER: SB 333

POSITION: Support

The Maryland State's Attorney's Association (MSAA) supports SB 333.

SB 333 expands the universe of sexual offenders who would be subject to lifetime supervision pursuant to Criminal Procedure Article, § 11-723 to include individuals convicted of sexual offense in the 1st degree (pre-2017) involving children and child sex abuse encompassing all minors.

These modifications are a welcome tool to ensure violent sexual offenders are maintained by the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (DPSCS) in a responsible manner. According to the Department of Justice Bureau of Justice Statistics, child sex offender recidivists are more likely to prey upon children younger than 13 years of age. Lifetime supervision includes monitoring methodologies, sensible restrictions from children and treatment options. By including those who are convicted of felony offenses involving the molesting of all children into the populations subject to these important measures, this legislation offers needed protections to assure that any recidivism against vulnerable populations are remediated.

This legislation provides common sense alterations to the lifetime supervision system which will undoubtedly enhance public safety and protect vulnerable populations.

For these reasons the MSAA requests a favorable report on SB 333.