

MARYLAND JUDICIAL CONFERENCE
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Hon. Mary Ellen Barbera
Chief Judge

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee
FROM: Legislative Committee
Suzanne D. Pelz, Esq.
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RE: House Bill 1250
Task Force to Study the Laws of Intestacy in Maryland
DATE: March 23, 2021
(3/31)
POSITION: Oppose, as drafted

The Judiciary opposes House Bill 1250, as drafted. This bill creates a task force to study the laws of intestacy. Among its proposed members is two Orphans' Court judges. In addition, the Administrative Office of the Courts is to provide staff for the Task Force.

The Judiciary believes it is not appropriate for the Administrative Office of the Courts to be staffing a legislative task force. The Judiciary respectfully requests an alternative staffing entity be appointed for this task force.

cc. Hon. Michael Malone
Judicial Council
Legislative Committee
Kelley O'Connor