

SB 395 Favorable
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SB 395 SUPPORT Criminal Law - Felony Murder - Limitation and Review of Convictions for Children

Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee

Tuesday, March 16, 2021 at 12:30pm

Dear Chair Smith, Vice Chair Waldstreicher and members of the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee:

My name is Ann Dalrymple, and I live in Owings Mills in Baltimore County, Maryland. I am active in the Social Justice Ministry of Sacred Heart Catholic Church Glyndon, and my testimony is in support of SB 395.

The charge of first degree murder should be limited to “principals in the first degree” for individuals under the age of 18. We now know a great deal more about brain development and an adolescent should not be held liable for murder when he or she does not understand the same “foreseeable risk” as an adult and especially when they were not the one to commit the murder. It is time that Maryland corrects this and recognizes that juveniles deserve different consideration than adults when it comes to sentencing for crimes. Further, children previously convicted of felony murder should have the right to have a motion heard for review of that conviction.

I urge a favorable report on SB 395

Sincerely,

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