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**MARYLAND JUDICIAL CONFERENCE**  
**GOVERNMENT RELATIONS AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS**

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

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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