



# THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT

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## POSITION STATEMENT

**HB 68**  
Delegate T. Branch  
(Judiciary Committee)

Baltimore City and Prince George's County -  
Diversionary and Reentry Program

### POSITION:

### SUPPORT

**HB 68** – Baltimore City and Prince George's County – Diversionary and Reentry Program – This bill requires the Offices of the State's Attorney for Baltimore City and Prince George's County to each establish, in their respective jurisdictions, a Diversionary and Reentry Program for at-risk youth and youth offenders. The programs' purposes are to (1) improve public safety; (2) develop skills for at-risk youth; and (3) reduce recidivism by youth offenders.

In 2005, Prince George's County, working in collaboration across several agencies, created a workgroup to form a "One-Stop Shop" for returning citizens. The One-Stop Shop consisted of wrap around services such as probation, healthcare, housing and working with the MVA to obtain identification for returning citizens. The One-Stop Shop was co-located with the Health Department to make access to services more convenient for the returning citizen and their family members or those that support them. This legislation will augment the County's efforts by dedicating a position in the State's Attorney Office that is focused on youth reentry. The State's Attorney for Prince George's County has frequently testified in Annapolis in support of diversionary programs.

For the foregoing reasons, the Prince George's County Council **SUPPORTS HB 68** and respectfully requests your favorable consideration of its position.

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