



March 23, 2022

TO: Judiciary Committee

SUBJECT: House Bill 877 – Juveniles Charged as Adults - Confinement

POSITION: **Favorable with Amendments**

The Maryland Correctional Administrators Association (MCAA) Legislative Committee has been closely monitoring House Bill 877. MCAA wholeheartedly agrees, Juveniles Charged as Adults should not be housed in an adult correctional facility. Local jails were never designed to hold juvenile offenders. MCAA is favorable of HB877 with the following amendment:

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~~(II) AFTER A HEARING AND IN WRITING, THE COURT FINDS THAT IT IS THE INTEREST OF JUSTICE TO PERMIT THE CHILD TO BE HELD IN:~~

- ~~1. A CORRECTIONAL FACILITY LOCATED IN THE COURT'S JURISDICTION, OR~~
- ~~2. FOR A CHILD BEFORE THE COURT IN BALTIMORE CITY ONLY, THE YOUTH DETENTION CENTER OPERATED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES.~~

MCAA respectfully supports HB877 with the above Amendment.

Best Regards,

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