MARYLAND JUDICIAL CONFERENCE GOVERNMENT RELATIONS AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Hon. Joseph M. Getty Chief Judge 187 Harry S. Truman Parkway Annapolis, MD 21401

MEMORANDUM

TO: House Judiciary Committee FROM: Legislative Committee

Legislative Committee Suzanne D. Pelz, Esq.

410-260-1523

RE: Senate Bill 203

Children in Need of Assistance – Custody and Guardianship and

Review Hearings

DATE: March 17, 2022

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POSITION: Support

The Maryland Judiciary supports Senate Bill 203. The Department of Human Services advised that the language of the bill was crafted following discussions with federal agency partners, who recommended inclusion of these provisions to ensure compliance with federal funding requirements. Therefore, the Judiciary supports Senate Bill 203.

cc. Hon. William C. Smith, Jr.

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