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Position: FAV

Date: February 22, 2023
Bill Number: SB711
Committee: Judicial Proceedings Committee
Bill Title: Child Support- Sports Wagering and Fantasy Competition Intercept
Position: Support

The Maryland Association of Social Services Directors (MASSD) comprised of the state's twenty-four Directors of the Local Departments of Social Services respectfully requests your support of Senate Bill 711. The Local Departments of Social Services play a critical role in administering the child support program at the local level, ensuring that families receive the support they need to promote child well-being and strengthen families.

Child Support is an effective anti-poverty program that ensures that children receive the financial support they need to thrive, even when their parents are no longer together. Since July 1988, children in Maryland have benefitted from Lottery Intercept enforcement that has allowed the state to collect from non-custodial parents with arrears balances that exceed \$150. In Fiscal Year 2022 alone, over \$768,000 was collected from intercepted lottery and casino winnings and distributed to families.

Senate Bill 711 would amend current law by expanding it to include the interception of winnings from sports wagering and fantasy competition, which was legalized in the state in May 2021. The interception of winnings from sports wagering and fantasy competitions would serve as an additional tool for child support enforcement, as these activities can generate substantial winnings for participants. By intercepting winnings from sports wagering and fantasy competitions, Maryland can help to ensure that noncustodial parents meet their child support obligations and that children receive the financial support they need and deserve.

Child Support is an important source of income and provides a vital safety net for children, ensuring they receive the financial support they need to not only meet their basic needs such as food, clothing and shelter but to thrive. The Maryland Association of Social Service Directors respectfully requests your support to Pass Senate Bill 711 which enhances Maryland's child support enforcement capabilities.

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Uploaded by: Jenifer DuBosq

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On behalf of the Dorchester County Department of Social Services, along with the Maryland Association of Social Services Directors, I respectfully request your support of Senate Bill 711. The Local Departments of Social Services play a critical role in administering the child support program at the local level, ensuring that families receive the support they need to promote child well-being and strengthen families.

Child Support is an effective anti-poverty program that ensures that children receive the financial support they need to thrive, even when their parents are no longer together. Since July 1988, children in Maryland have benefitted from Lottery Intercept enforcement that has allowed the state to collect from non-custodial parents with arrears balances that exceed \$150. Dorchester County was able to intercept \$5000.00 from lottery and casino winnings in Federal Fiscal Year 2022.

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Child Support is an important source of income and provides a vital safety net for children, ensuring they receive the financial support they need to not only meet their basic needs such as food, clothing and shelter but to thrive. Again, I respectfully request your support to Pass Senate Bill 711 which enhances Maryland's child support enforcement capabilities.

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Position: FAV

To: Members of the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee

From: Family & Juvenile Law Section Council (FJLSC)

Date: February 22, 2023

Subject: Senate Bill 711:
Child Support – Sports Wagering and Fantasy Competition Intercept

Position: FAVORABLE

The Maryland State Bar Association (MSBA) FJLSC **supports Senate Bill 711:** Child Support – Sports Wagering and Fantasy Competition Intercept.

This testimony is submitted on behalf of the Family and Juvenile Law Section Council (“FJLSC”) of the Maryland State Bar Association (“MSBA”). The FJLSC is the formal representative of the Family and Juvenile Law Section of the MSBA, which promotes the objectives of the MSBA by improving the administration of justice in the field of family and juvenile law and, at the same time, tries to bring together the members of the MSBA who are concerned with family and juvenile laws and in reforms and improvements in such laws through legislation or otherwise. The FJLSC is charged with the general supervision and control of the affairs of the Section and authorized to act for the Section in any way in which the Section itself could act. The Section has over 1,200 attorney members.

The FJLSC supports SB 711.

Should you have any questions, please contact Michelle Smith by telephone at 410-280-1700 or by e-mail at msmith@lawannapolis.com or Lindsay Parvis by telephone at 240-399-7900 or lparvis@jgllaw.com.

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Bill title: **Child Support–Sports Wagering and Fantasy Competition Intercept**

DHS Position: **FAVORABLE**

The Maryland Department of Human Services (DHS) thanks the Committee for the opportunity to provide written support for Senate Bill 711 (SB 711).

This bill allows for the intercept of sports wagering and fantasy competition winnings of obligors who are in arrears in the payment of child support, by amending Family Law Article § 10-113.1, Certification to State Lottery and Gaming Control Agency. The interception of sports wagering and fantasy competition winnings would increase the collection of overdue child support payments from obligors to benefit Maryland's children. Presently there are four states that intercept sports wagering winnings for the purpose of child support collection: Indiana, Iowa, Illinois, and Maine.

The Maryland General Assembly passed lottery intercept legislation during the 1987 Legislative Session with an effective date of July 1, 1988. Casino winnings intercept passed during the 2014 legislative session with an effective date of October 1, 2014 and June 1, 2015. Since October 1, 2014, the Maryland Child Support Administration has intercepted over \$5.6 million from obligors' casino and lottery winnings. Expanding Family Law § 10-113.1 to also include sports wagering and fantasy competition winnings will result in further increased child support collections to satisfy outstanding child support arrears for Maryland's children. With the 2021 passage of House Bill 940, the regulation of fantasy gaming competitions and implementation of sports wagering brought companies like FanDuel and DraftKings to Maryland. Creating an intercept for online gaming activities will ensure that similar types of gambling are treated in kind for child support collection purposes.

For these reasons, the Department strongly urges a favorable report by the Committee for SB 711.