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SB499 – Workgroup to Study Reentry

FAVORABLE WITH AMENDMENT

Carrington & Associates, LLC, requests a FAVORABLE report for SB499 with an amendment. This bill establishes the Workgroup to Study Reentry staffed by the Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services (GOCPYVS). The workgroup must (1) study the current role of State and local agencies in the reentry of formerly incarcerated individuals after completing their terms of confinement in State and local correctional facilities and (2) make recommendations regarding policy changes for improvement of reentry in the State. A workgroup member may not receive compensation but is entitled to reimbursement for expenses. The workgroup must report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 31, 2024.

We would like to thank Senator West for bringing this important legislation forward. We respectfully suggest, which we hope the Senator, and the Committee will find “friendly,” that would add *“a person that currently, or formerly, worked with returning citizens”* to the bill. We believe this would add an important voice to the impressive list of Workgroup members envisioned by the bill.

For the stated reasons, we ask for a FAVORABLE report on SB499 with the amendment.

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