

**MARYLAND JUDICIAL CONFERENCE**  
**GOVERNMENT RELATIONS AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS**

Hon. Matthew J. Fader  
Chief Justice

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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee  
**FROM:** Legislative Committee  
Suzanne D. Pelz, Esq.  
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**RE:** Senate Bill 703  
Juvenile Law – Community Detention  
**DATE:** February 15, 2023  
(2/22)  
**POSITION:** Support

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The Maryland Judiciary supports Senate Bill 703. This bill would expand the definition of “community detention” set forth in Courts and Judicial Proceedings § 3-8A-01(h)(1), to include that it is a program for “a child over whom a court exercises criminal jurisdiction”.

The Judiciary supports the clarification that a “community detention” program for the purposes of Courts and Judicial Proceedings Title 3, Subtitle 8A could include a program for a child over whom a court exercises criminal jurisdiction.

cc. Hon. William Smith, Jr.  
Judicial Council  
Legislative Committee  
Kelley O’Connor