



THE MARYLAND HOUSE OF DELEGATES
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401
ST. MARY'S COUNTY DELEGATION

Delegate Luke Clippinger
Chairman
House Judiciary Committee

Dear Chairman Clippinger and Members of the Committee,

HB 526 St. Mary's County - Transfer of Child Support Unit and Personnel to the Child Support Administration transfers the functions, powers, and duties of the Child Support Unit of the Office of the State's Attorney for St. Mary's County be transferred to the Child Support Administration of the Department of Human Services. According to Family Law § 10-117, local support enforcement offices may ask that their support enforcement responsibilities be handled by the State of Maryland. Most counties have made this request, and St. Mary's County is one of only three that still handle child support enforcement through their local State's Attorney's Office. This legislation would transfer the Child Support Unit—including its current employees—to the Department of Human Services. All current employees would be switched to equivalent pay grades within the Department.

There is a clarifying amendment on the bill and the St. Mary's County Delegation is unanimously in support of the bill as amended. The bill is also supported by the St. Mary's County Board of County Commissioners.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Matt Morgan".

Chair, St. Mary's County Delegation