

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

Hon. Matthew J. Fader  
Chief Justice

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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** House Judiciary Committee  
**FROM:** Legislative Committee  
Suzanne D. Pelz, Esq.  
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**RE:** House Bill 1020  
Child Custody – Legal Decision Making and Parenting Time  
**DATE:** February 10, 2023  
(3/2)  
**POSITION:** Support

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The Maryland Judiciary supports House Bill 1020. This legislation would amend Title 9 of the Family Law Article (Child Custody and Visitation).

The Judiciary supports the codification of the factors set forth in § 9-202(a) of the bill. These factors are consistent with those adopted by the Supreme Court in Maryland 9-204.1 (Parenting plans). Their codification would increase transparency of custody determinations while maintaining the court's ability to consider a family's unique facts and circumstances.

cc. Hon. Susan McComas  
Judicial Council  
Legislative Committee  
Kelley O'Connor