

Committee: House Judiciary Committee

Bill: Senate Bill 292 - Criminal Law - Victims of Child Sex Trafficking and Human Trafficking - Safe Harbor and Service Response

Hearing Date: March 28, 2023

Position: Support

The Maryland School Counselors Association (MSCA) strongly supports *Senate Bill 292 – Criminal Law – Victims of Child Sex Trafficking and Human Trafficking – Safe Harbor and Service Response*. This legislation is critical to protect children who are involved in minor crimes as a result of being victims of sex or human trafficking. It is inhuman to subject them to criminal prosecution and penalties. These children need child protective services rather than criminal penalties.

We ask for a favorable report. If we can provide any additional information, please contact Robyn Elliott at relliott@policypartners.net.