

**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 1180  
Criminal Law – Youth Accountability and Safety Act  
**DATE:** February 15, 2023  
(3/2)  
**POSITION:** Oppose

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The Maryland Judiciary opposes House Bill 1180. This bill would amend Criminal Law Article, § 2-201, concerning first degree murder, to provide that a person who was under the age of 25 years at the time of the offense may not be found to have committed first degree murder if the murder was committed in the perpetration of, or an attempt to perpetrate certain crimes.

The Judiciary opposes this bill because it conflicts with other Maryland statutes which set adulthood at 18 years of age and, in doing so, treats some adults differently than other adults who commit the same offense.

cc. Hon. Charlotte Crutchfield  
Judicial Council  
Legislative Committee  
Kelley O'Connor