



**Committee:** House Judiciary Committee

**Bill Number:** House Bill 1070 – Courts – Expert Witnesses – Licensed Certified Social Workers - Clinical

**Hearing Date:** March 8, 2023

**Position:** Favorable with Amendments

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The Licensed Clinical Professional Counselors of Maryland (LCPCM) supports *House Bill 1070 – Courts – Expert Witnesses – Licensed Certified Social Workers*. The bill expands the types of professionals who can serve as expert witnesses in court proceedings. We support the addition of licensed certified social workers – clinical (LCSWCs) who have the education and experience to serve in this important role.

We would also recommend an amendment adding licensed clinical professional counselors (LCPCs) who also have the education and experience to be an expert witness. They would also have to meet other requirements to be an expert witness.

We ask for a favorable report with an amendment. If we can provide any additional information, please contact Robyn Elliott at [relliott@policypartners.net](mailto:relliott@policypartners.net) or (443) 926-3443.