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BILL NO.: HB 301

TITLE: Correctional Services – Diminution of a Term of Confinement
– First Degree Rape and First-Degree Sexual Offense (Pava Marie LaPere Act)

SPONSOR: Delegate Embry

COMMITTEE: Judiciary

POSITION: **SUPPORT**

DATE: February 6, 2024

Baltimore County **SUPPORTS** HB 301 - Correctional Services – Diminution of a Term of Confinement – First Degree Rape and First-Degree Sexual Offense (Pava Marie LaPere Act) prohibiting an incarcerated individual serving a sentence for first-degree rape or sexual assault from entitlement to diminution of their sentence.

Everyone in the greater Baltimore Region mourned the tragic murder of tech entrepreneur, Pava LaPere, last fall in Baltimore, at the hands of a man wanted in another brutal rape and assault case. These kinds of offenders do not deserve diminution of their sentences. Eliminating this option may prevent the loss of another bright, young person in a similarly brutal manner.

Accordingly, Baltimore County requests a **FAVORABLE** report on HB 301 from the House Judiciary committee. For more information, please contact Jenn Aiosa, Director of Government Affairs at jaiosa@baltimorecountymd.gov.