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BILL NO.: **SB 744**

TITLE: Juvenile Law – Reform

SPONSOR: President Ferguson

COMMITTEE: Judiciary

POSITION: **SUPPORT**

DATE: March 26, 2024

Baltimore County **SUPPORTS** SB 744 - Juvenile Law – Reform.

Baltimore County appreciates the House Judiciary Committee’s focus on issues being raised by local law enforcement, service providers and other stakeholders prior to the 2024 legislation session. We support expanded collaboration and additional resources dedicated to providing juvenile offenders the assessment, treatment, services, and oversight they may need.

In particular we support the restoration of Juvenile Court jurisdiction over 10- to 12-year-olds for several very serious offenses, including crimes involving weapons and firearms, some sexual offenses and motor vehicle theft.

Accordingly, Baltimore County urges a **FAVORABLE** report on SB 744 from the House Judiciary Committee. For more information, please contact Jenn Aiosa, Director of Government Affairs at jaiosa@baltimorecountymd.gov.