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MARYLAND JUDICIAL COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

MEMORANDUM

TO: Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee
FROM: Legislative Committee
Suzanne D. Pelz, Esq.
410-260-1523
RE: Senate Bill 507
Criminal Procedure – Diagnosis of Developmental Disability or
Intellectual Disability - Evidence
DATE: January 29, 2025
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INFORMATIONAL COMMENT PAPER

The Judiciary has no position on the bill but submits the below information for the Committee's consideration.

As drafted, the bill suggests that a judge or district court commissioner will have access to information regarding a defendant's diagnosis at the time of initial appearance or at a pretrial release determination. This information is often unavailable at that early stage of the proceeding. As such, the mandatory provision that it "shall" be considered may not be possible, if not known or presented at that stage of the proceeding.

cc. Hon. Shaneka Henson
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