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TO: The Honorable Will Smith, Jr.
Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee

FROM: Adam Spangler
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RE: Senate Bill 811 - Task Force on the Creation of a Division of Returning
Citizens and Expanded Reentry Services - Extension of Report Deadline and
Task Force – **Support**

The Office of the Attorney General (OAG) urges the Committee to favorably report on **Senate Bill 811**. This bill extends the Task Force on the Creation of a Division of Returning Citizens and Expanded Reentry Services' duration from June 30, 2026, to June 30, 2027, and pushes back the deadline for the submission of the required Task Force report from December 31, 2025, to October 31, 2026. The OAG values its membership on this Task Force and is committed to the importance of producing high-quality work.

As mandated by the passage of House Bill 1037/Chapter 937 of 2024, the Task Force must: (1) identify and assess the reentry services available in the state; (2) identify gaps in the current reentry services provided; (3) assess the indicators of successful reentry; (4) ensure that the task force's recommendations consider returning citizens of all genders equally; (5) develop a plan to establish a Division of Returning Citizens within the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (DPSCS) for specified purposes; and (6) create a plan to expand certain services for individuals in the state after their release from incarceration.

By extending the deadlines for the Task Force, more time will be available to ensure that the Task Force is able to carry out its mandated duties and that a quality report is prepared for the General Assembly.

For the above reasons, the Office of the Attorney General requests a favorable report on **Senate Bill 811**.

cc: Members of the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee