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MARYLAND JUDICIAL COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

MEMORANDUM

TO: Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee
FROM: Legislative Committee
Suzanne D. Pelz, Esq.
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RE: Senate Bill 512
Custodial Interrogation of Minors – Admissibility of Statements
DATE: January 25, 2025
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INFORMATIONAL COMMENT PAPER

The Judiciary respects the separation of powers doctrine and acknowledges that the legislature is the policy-making branch. As such, the Judiciary has no position on the policy aims of this legislation and defers to the legislative branch on such matters.

While the Judiciary takes no position on the bill, it is important to note that there are currently laws establishing protections for children who are questioned by law enforcement and this bill may create a disparity in treatment between minors and adults charged in circuit court, especially if the individuals are co-defendants.

cc. Hon. Shaneka Henson
Judicial Council
Legislative Committee
Kelley O'Connor