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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 191
Family Law – Children in Need of Assistance – Unlicensed
Settings
DATE: January 11, 2025
(1/14)
POSITION: Support

The Maryland Judiciary supports Senate Bill 191. This bill prohibits the Maryland Department of Human Services from placing a child in need of assistance (CINA) in unlicensed foster care settings except under certain circumstances.

This bill will benefit the children of Maryland by limiting the placement of CINA children in hotels. The bill requires efforts by the Department of Social Services to locate alternative placements and limits the amount of time children can spend in a hotel setting. It also places the burden on the Department of Human Services Secretary to extend a hotel placement.

cc. Hon. William Smith, Jr.
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