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## MARYLAND JUDICIAL COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

### MEMORANDUM

**TO:** House Judiciary Committee  
**FROM:** Legislative Committee  
Suzanne D. Pelz, Esq.  
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**RE:** House Bill 165  
Custodial Interrogation of Minors – Admissibility of Statements  
**DATE:** January 11, 2025  
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**INFORMATIONAL COMMENT PAPER**

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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. Gabriel Acevero  
Judicial Council  
Legislative Committee  
Kelley O'Connor