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***HB0646: Task Force on the Creation of a Division of Returning Citizens and Expanded Reentry Services – Extension of Report Deadline and Task Force***

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Good afternoon, Chair Clippinger and members of the Judiciary Committee.

For the record, my name is Telise Arce-Reed. I am an intern working for Delegate Kym Taylor, who represents Prince George's County's District 23. I am here speaking on Delegate Taylor's behalf.

As you may remember, during the 2024 session HB1037 established a task force that examines the feasibility of creating a Division of Returning Citizens within the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services.

The Task Force began its work in October of 2024 and it quickly became evident that the scope and amount of work needed to adequately address the needs of Maryland's returning citizens will require time beyond the report due date.

I come before you today presenting HB0646 which requests an extension on the original submission deadline of the task force report from ***December 31, 2025 to October 31, 2026.***

This extension will allow for a comprehensive assessment and thorough report from the task force regarding the Governor's commitment on successful reentry and reduced recidivism.

Please vote favorable.

Thank you very much.

