



THE MARYLAND HOUSE OF DELEGATES
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401
ST. MARY'S COUNTY DELEGATION

Testimony in Support of HB485 – St. Mary's Corrections

February 5, 2025

Good Afternoon Chair Clippinger and Members of the Esteemed House Judiciary Committee:

I am here today to present House Bill 485. This delegation bill would authorize the St. Mary's County Sheriff to establish programs which would provide alternatives to prison sentences for non-violent offenders in the county.

This bill would authorize the St. Mary's County Sheriff to create three programs. Firstly, a day reporting program where a convicted person may reside at home but be required to attend a day program such as rehab or work. Secondly, an in-patient treatment program provides those convicted of drug offenses an opportunity to rehabilitate themselves. Finally, it creates a pretrial release supervision program for those charged with minor drug offenses to not be burdened with bail and provide an opportunity to display good behavior to the Court.

These programs are necessary to reduce the burden on our prison system and provide a path out for those stuck in the deep cycles of addiction. I respectfully request a favorable report on House Bill 485.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Todd B. Morgan".

Delegate Todd B. Morgan
Chair, St. Mary's County Delegation