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**House Bill 1162**  
**Correctional Services – Medication–Assisted Treatment Funding**

**House Health Committee**

**Position: FAVORABLE**

Anne Arundel County **SUPPORTS** House Bill 1162 – Correctional Services – Medication–Assisted Treatment Funding. This bill clarifies State procedures and secures viable funding sources for medication-assisted treatment in local detention centers.

Current State laws mandate local detention centers to conduct mental health and substance use status assessments and provide necessary and appropriate treatment and support, including medication–assisted treatment. The efficient provision of these critical services for Maryland’s vulnerable incarcerated population requires dedicated resources, and the funding for these programs deserves priority. However, the required State support for compliance with the current mandate has not been adequately provided for years.

This Bill requires counties to document the needed annual funding for these programs during their local budgeting process, and then submit their assessment to the responsible state agency, which will provide financial support from the appropriate pool of funds. Should there be a gap in the funding requirement after the distribution of a grant, the State could determine to cover the difference with the opioid restitution fund. Incarcerated or not, these vulnerable Marylanders deserve support to help them overcome substance-use disorder. It is time to address the long-overdue funding challenges that have hindered the critical implementation of medication-assisted treatment and State compliance for local detention centers. For those reasons, Anne Arundel County respectfully requests a **FAVORABLE** report on House Bill 1162.