

THE COALITION TO PROTECT MARYLAND'S CHILDREN

Our Mission: To combine and amplify the power of organizations and citizens working together to keep children safe from abuse and neglect. We strive to secure budgetary and public policy resources to make meaningful and measurable improvements in safety, permanence, and wellbeing.



HB1305 – State Child Welfare System - Reporting

Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee

April 2, 2026

Position: SUPPORT

The Coalition to Protect Maryland's Children is a consortium of organizations and individuals formed in 1992 who are concerned about the care of Maryland's most vulnerable children and work together to educate and promote meaningful child welfare reform. **CPMC urges a favorable report on HB1305 - State Child Welfare System – Reporting.**

Our coalition appreciates all that the Maryland General Assembly has accomplished over the years to support youth that have experienced out-of-home care as part of the child welfare system as they transition into adulthood, including passing laws making the costs of college education more feasible. We welcome any data collection about the number that do enroll and graduate to help assess efforts in making access to a college education more of reality for these youth.

We welcome any efforts that can be made to further the success of these young people who have been placed in the care of the state. It is for these reasons that the Coalition to Protect Maryland's Children **urges a favorable report HB1305 - State Child Welfare System – Reporting.**¹

¹ Members of CPMC represented by this written testimony include – American Academy of Pediatrics - MD Chapter, Center for Hope, Child Justice, Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA - Baltimore County), Maryland Association of Resources for Families and Youth (MARFY), Maryland Children's Alliance, Maryland Network Against Domestic Violence, National Association of Social Workers – MD (NASW), the State Council on Child Abuse & Neglect (SCCAN), and individual members of the coalition.