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SB0537 / HB1058 - Youth Delinquency Prevention Fund – Establishment SUPPORT

The City of Greenbelt supports SB0537/HB1058. This bill establishes the Youth Delinquency Prevention Fund to provide grants to community-based programs, including youth service bureaus, that deliver community-oriented delinquency prevention, youth suicide prevention, drug and alcohol abuse or substance use disorder prevention, youth development services, and services that address the conditions that contribute to delinquency, youth suicide, substance use, and family disruption. The fund is structured as a special, non-lapsing fund administered by the Office and supported through appropriations, interest earnings, and other sources, with expenditures made through the State budget process and subject to audit and reporting requirements.

For municipalities like Greenbelt, prevention focused investments that reduce youth involvement in the juvenile justice system, strengthen families, and expand effective community supports are practical public safety policy. Programs that intervene early, stabilize youth, and connect families to services reduce downstream costs borne by local governments and improve outcomes for young people. This bill creates a clear statewide mechanism to support those programs while ensuring accountability through regular reporting on grants, services delivered, and the populations served.

For these reasons, the City of Greenbelt respectfully requests a favorable report on SB0537/HB1058.

For more information, please contact City Manager Josué Salmerón at 301-474-8000 or jsalmeron@greenbeltmd.gov.

Submitted by Carrington & Associates, LLC on behalf of the City of Greenbelt.