



FREDERICK COUNTY GOVERNMENT
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HB 915 – Workgroup on Aging Out of Foster Care

DATE: April 3, 2026
COMMITTEE: Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee
POSITION: Favorable
FROM: The Office of Frederick County Executive Jessica Fitzwater

As the County Executive of Frederick County, I urge the committee to give **HB 915 – Workgroup on Aging Out of Foster Care** a favorable report.

This legislation creates a state-level workgroup to study resources for youth aging out of foster care to help them achieve self-sufficiency. The proposed workgroup is also tasked with determining the effectiveness of current available resources, and identifying the challenges with current services and programs offered before a youth ages out of the system.

Frederick County is committed to supporting children and equipping them for a successful transition into adulthood. This legislation, which studies resources and programs for foster care youth, would play a crucial role in aiding Frederick, other counties, and the State with planning future programs and resource allocations to ensure that we are fulfilling our mission of assisting youth and their families. The workgroup created through this legislation could also recommend new programs and funding opportunities, further assisting the county in setting our foster care youth up for success.

Frederick County Government supports HB 915 as it prioritizes the needs of youth transitioning out of foster care. We believe that assessing current resources and identifying gaps is critical to helping these young adults achieve self-sufficiency. We welcome opportunities to collaborate and share insights from our work with children, youth, and families. By identifying gaps and improving resources for youth aging out of foster care, we can promote self-sufficiency and stability, which benefits our foster youth and their families, as well as our communities as a whole.

Thank you for your consideration of HB 915 and I urge a favorable report.

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