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Bill: SB 693 - Civil Actions - Child Sexual Abuse - Repeal of Limitations on Attorney's Fees

Committee: Senate Judicial Proceedings

Position: Favorable

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The Maryland State Bar Association (MSBA) **supports** Senate Bill 693 - Civil Actions - Child Sexual Abuse - Repeal of Limitations on Attorney's Fees. Through its advocacy committees and various practice-specific sections, MSBA monitors and takes positions on legislation that protects the legal profession, preserves the integrity of the judicial system, and ensures access to justice for Marylanders.

MSBA supports the ability of clients and attorneys to negotiate fee agreements that align with the specific features and complexities of a given case. The reasonableness of attorney's fees is already regulated by Maryland's Supreme Court and Attorney Grievance Commission, through application of the Maryland Rules of Professional Conduct.

Limits on attorney's fees in child sexual abuse cases may discourage skilled attorneys from taking on these difficult cases, given the hours and cost involved, resulting in reduced representation options for survivors. SB 693 preserves and respects the ability of survivors and attorneys to decide on the appropriate value and compensation structure for cases.

MSBA supports SB 693 and urges a favorable report.

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