



# Maryland Chiefs of Police Association Maryland Sheriffs' Association



## MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Sandy Bartlett, Chair and  
Members of the Judiciary Committee

FROM: Darren Popkin, Executive Director, MCPA-MSA Joint Legislative Committee  
Andrea Mansfield, Representative, MCPA-MSA Joint Legislative Committee  
Samira Jackson, Representative, MCPA-MSA Joint Legislative Committee

DATE: February 5, 2026

RE: **HB 389 - Limitations on Juvenile Contact with Incarcerated Adults**

POSITION: **SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENTS**

The Maryland Chiefs of Police Association (MCPA) and the Maryland Sheriffs' Association (MSA) **SUPPORT HB 389 WITH AMENDMENTS**. This bill seeks to prohibit children arrested, convicted, or awaiting trial from being detained or confined where they can see or hear incarcerated adults. Additionally, the bill generally seeks to keep juveniles out of adult jail settings.

There are ten sheriffs overseeing detention centers in Maryland. The Maryland Correctional Administrators Association (MCAA) is working with the sponsor on amendments to this bill and changes to Maryland Rules to create a feasible timeline for detainers to be acted upon. There is also a proposed new rule, MD. RULE 4-220 – Initial Appearance- Detainers, which would require prompt action on detainers and guarantee a timely hearing for defendants within 30 days of the initial appearance.

MCPA/MSA support those efforts by MCAA. For these reasons, MCPA and MSA **SUPPORT HB 389 WITH AMENDMENTS** and urge a **FAVORABLE** committee report.