

House Bill 759 (Criminal Procedure – Motion to Reduce Duration of Sentence – Repeal of Sentencing Date Limitation)

House Judiciary Committee

Position: **Favorable**

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Submitted by: **John Sexton**

To the Honorable members of the House Judiciary Committee,

I would urge each of you to vote favorably on HB 759.

It is imperative that Maryland continues to strive for the redeeming of our youth - not only today, but for future generations. This addendum to the JRA ensures that those future generations have that opportunity.

As someone whose journey inside the Maryland prison system began as a teenager - and who spent 37 years straight atoning for the crime I committed - I can share with you that without the availability of this JRA mechanism, most of Maryland's youthful offenders charged as adults would be relegated to living a life filled with hopelessness and an inability to reach their incredible potential for reformation.

Once again, I urge you to **vote favorably on HB 759**.

Shalom!

John Sexton