

FAVORABLE REPORT REQUEST

HB1386 – Criminal Law – Distribution of Heroin or Fentanyl Causing Death or Serious Bodily Injury (Victoria, Scottie, Ashleigh, and Yader's Law)

Dear Chair and Members of the Committee,

I respectfully request a **favorable report** for *Victoria, Scottie, Ashleigh, and Yader's Law*, legislation that addresses the devastating impact of heroin and fentanyl distribution in our communities.

Across Maryland, families continue to suffer unimaginable loss as the illicit distribution of heroin, fentanyl, and their chemical analogues leads to overdose deaths and life-altering injuries. This legislation establishes appropriate criminal accountability for individuals who knowingly distribute these dangerous substances when that distribution directly results in the death or serious bodily injury of another person.

Fentanyl and heroin remain among the most lethal substances circulating in the illegal drug supply. Even small quantities can result in fatal overdoses, and many individuals are unaware that the substances they are purchasing contain fentanyl or its analogues. When a person distributes these drugs and that act results in death or severe harm, there must be clear legal consequences that reflect the gravity of the harm caused.

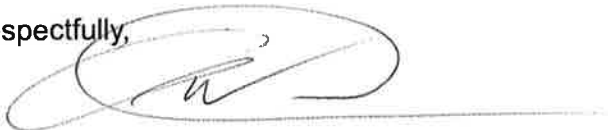
This bill helps ensure that those who profit from distributing these deadly substances can be held responsible for the tragic outcomes that too often follow. At the same time, it reinforces Maryland's commitment to protecting communities and supporting families who have been forever changed by overdose loss.

The names attached to this legislation—Victoria, Scottie, Ashleigh, and Yader—serve as a solemn reminder that behind every overdose death is a loved one, a family, and a community left grieving. This bill honors their memory by taking meaningful steps toward accountability and prevention.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the Committee to give **Victoria, Scottie, Ashleigh, and Yader's Law** a **favorable report**.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

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Aaron Wright