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HB 1514 - State Personnel and Pensions - Maryland Whistleblower Law - Department of Juvenile Services Employees

AFSCME Council 3 supports HB 1514. This legislation does two things. It clarifies that employees would be covered under the State of Maryland Whistleblower Law if they were subject to reprisal after reporting an issue to the Juvenile Justice Monitoring Program. Secondly, the bill requires that the Department of Juvenile Services provide notification of this clarification to its employees.

This legislation brings to light that there are employees that have concerns about talking to the Monitoring program about potential problems in the Department. Although it would seem that such an action would already be covered by the current law, it may be advisable to make sure that employees are aware of this right. This can be done through the notification provided for under this legislation.

For this reason, we urge the committee to take favorable action on HB 1514.

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