



**Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee**  
**Senate Bill 459 - Correctional Services - Restrictive Housing – Limitations**  
**Maryland Mandela Act**  
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**SUPPORT**

Maryland's Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers (NASW-MD), which represents professional Social Workers across the state of Maryland supports Senate Bill 459 - Correctional Services- Restrictive Housing Limitations (Maryland Mandela Act). This bill requires hearing officers and personnel involved with the supervision and care of individuals placed in restrictive housing to undergo 40 hours of training with established guidelines and procedures for the placement of incarcerated individuals in certain types of restrictive housing or disciplinary segregation. It also requires each correctional facility to create a monthly report containing certain information about individuals placed in restrictive housing to publish the report on the facility's website.

Social Workers support this bill because training has a direct impact on performance and will give hearing officers and personnel involved with the supervision and care a better understanding of their responsibility and knowledge and skills to do that job.

We urge a favorable response for SB 459.

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