

Maryland Criminal Defense Attorneys' Association



Md House of Delegates – Judiciary Committee

February 23, 2023

Hearing on HB 661

Workgroup to Study Re-entry

MCDAA POSITION: SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENT

Brief bill explanation: This bill establishes the Workgroup to Study Reentry; it requires the Workgroup to examine the current role of State and local agencies in the reentry of formerly incarcerated individuals after completing their terms of confinement in State and local correctional facilities. The bill requires the Workgroup to report its findings and recommendations regarding policy changes for the improvement of reentry to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 31, 2024.

MCDAA's position: MCDAA members are all criminal defense attorneys, and work in either the public sector or the private sector. The challenges of MCDAA's former clients, criminal defendants, to reintegrate into society is of paramount interest to our organization, and our members have first-hand information on the challenges faced by criminal defendants. We have asked the sponsor to include an MCDAA member in the workgroup, but our support for the legislation is not dependent on our membership nor participation.

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