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MARYLAND JUDICIAL COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

MEMORANDUM

TO: Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee
FROM: Legislative Committee
Suzanne D. Pelz, Esq.
410-260-1523
RE: House Bill 432
Courts and Judicial Proceedings and Criminal Procedure –
Technical Corrections – References to Intellectual Disability
DATE: March 14, 2024
(3/21)
POSITION: Support

The Maryland Judiciary supports House Bill 432. This bill amends various provision of CJP Title 3, Subtitles 8 and 8B and in the Criminal Procedure Article by deleting references to “mental retardation” and substituting references to “intellectual disability”.

The Judiciary supports the elimination of outdated and offensive terminology and its replacement with more appropriate language used elsewhere in the Code.

cc. Hon. Aaron Kaufman
Judicial Council
Legislative Committee
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