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March 20, 2025

The Honorable William C. Smith, Jr.
Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee

Re: Letter of Support for House Bill 485 – St. Mary's County - Corrections

Dear Chair Smith:

As the Senator representing St. Mary's County, I am writing to state my support for House Bill 485 – St. Mary's County - Corrections.

I respectfully request a favorable report on House Bill 485. Thank you for your consideration of this local St. Mary's County bill. Please contact me if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

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Senator Jack Bailey
District 29
Calvert and St. Mary's Counties

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Office of the Sheriff

Corrections Division

Re: ***House Bill 485 – St. Mary's County - Corrections***

Good Afternoon! I am Mary Ann Thompson, Warden of the St. Mary's County Detention and Rehabilitation Center. The legislative proposal is requested to update the Annotated Code of Maryland 11-720 Individual County Provisions to reflect the current Community Corrections Programs at our detention center, adding Day Reporting and In-patient Treatment. The legislation already includes Pre-trial Supervision, Work Release, Pre-Trial Release, and Home Detention. The Court authorizes participation in these programs.

Day Reporting, a program added three (3) years ago with federal grant funding, has proven to be a success in enhancing the Home Detention Program. This program closely mirrors the St. Mary's Pre-Trial Supervision Program, with its intense case management and holistic approach to advancing equity in public safety, health, and education. Offenders are aligned to behavioral health evaluation and treatment, including mental health and substance abuse disorders. In addition to behavioral health, offenders are aligned with life skills, job training, anger management, and parenting courses to name a few. Day Reporting provides a high degree of discipline combined with intensive treatment, and its success is a testament to its potential.

The Inpatient Treatment Program is again court-authorized to allow the offender to attend intensive substance and mental health treatment. The program has been structured to implement rules and regulations governing compliance, including a 45— to 60-day wait to be placed on the program to ensure the right mindset, stabilization of the justice-involved individual's mental health, and placement on the medicated assisted treatment program. This has enhanced public safety and reduced the number of walk-offs from community programs while ensuring the individual receives the court-authorized in-patient treatment.

The legislation further updates the language from sentenced to court-ordered, as individuals may be convicted or pre-trial. Moreover, the language is modified from the Sheriff collecting funds to ensuring the individual pays court-ordered restitution by making the collection of monies a stipulation of program participation, ensuring accountability.

Community-based programs are alternatives to incarceration, reducing the incarcerated population while successfully reintegrating justice-involved individuals back into the community. I respectfully request favorable consideration of this bill. I am available for any questions and most importantly appreciate your time in listening.

Thursday, March 20th, Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee

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HB 485- St. Mary's County – Corrections

SUPPORT

March 18, 2025

The Honorable William C. Smith Jr., Chairman
Judicial Proceedings Committee
2 East Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

RE: HB 485 - St. Mary's County - Corrections

Dear Chairman Smith:

The Commissioners of St. Mary's County **SUPPORT House Bill 485 - St. Mary's County - Corrections** which is being heard in the Judicial Proceedings Committee.

We request a favorable report on House Bill 485. We support the introduction of this legislation and believe it would benefit the citizens of St. Mary's County. Thank you for your consideration as well as your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,
COMMISSIONERS OF ST. MARY'S COUNTY


James Randy Guy, President

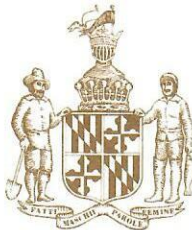
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THE MARYLAND HOUSE OF DELEGATES
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401
ST. MARY'S COUNTY DELEGATION

March 17, 2025

The Honorable William Smith Jr., Chair
Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee
2 East Miller Senate Office Building
11 Bladen Street
Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: HB485 – St. Mary's County - Corrections

Dear Chair Smith:

The St. Mary's County Delegation supports HB485 – St. Mary's County - Corrections with a three (3) Yeas and one (1) absent member.

The purpose of the bill is to add programs: a day reporting program, an in-patient treatment program, and a pretrial release supervision program, that the St. Mary's County Sheriff is authorized to establish. Additionally, the bill repeals a requirement that the Sheriff or the Sheriff's designee collect the earnings of a certain individual participating in these programs and authorizes the Sheriff or the Sheriff's designee to direct an individual participating in a certain program to provide proof that the individual has made payments toward certain obligations.

We ask for the committee's consideration of this bill and a FAVORABLE report.

Sincerely,

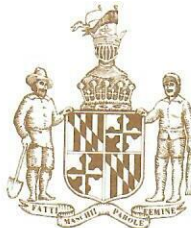
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Todd B. Morgan
Chair, St. Mary's County Delegation

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THE MARYLAND HOUSE OF DELEGATES
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401
ST. MARY'S COUNTY DELEGATION

Testimony in Support of HB485 – St. Mary's County – Corrections

March 17, 2025

Chair Smith and Members of the Esteemed Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee:

I am here today to present House Bill 485. This delegation bill would better empower the St. Mary's County Sheriff and the Courts to order programs which serve as alternatives to prison sentences for non-violent offenders in the county.

The Day Reporting program in St. Mary's County was introduced three years ago with federal grant funding and has proven successful in enhancing the existing Home Detention Program. This program gives offenders access to job training, mental health and substance abuse treatment, parenting, and anger management courses, among others.

This legislation modifies language regarding the existing Home Detention Program and In-Patient Treatment Program to authorize the courts to order participation pre-trial. This bill grants additional oversight and enforcement authority by mandating that participation in these programs require financial contribution from the individual, ensuring accountability.

This bill improves and strengthens these existing, proven, and successful programs and enhances the ability of the courts to order rehabilitation rather than further punish those stuck in cycles of poverty or addiction. I respectfully request your favorable report on House Bill 485.