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COMMISSION ON JUVENILE JUSTICE

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**Tuesday, February 18, 2020**

**7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.**

**101 Monroe Street 9<sup>th</sup> floor conference room, Rockville, MD**

**Agenda**

**7:00 p.m.** I. Welcome – Chris Jennison, Chair.

**7:05 p.m.** II. Legislation – Legislative committee

Note – all bills discussed are listed below with hyperlinks to the Maryland General Assembly legislation page. Legislation synopsis is quoted from the Maryland General Assembly website.

- [HB0842/SB0706](#) – Juvenile Law – Informal Adjustment
  - o Synopsis - Authorizing a certain court to refer a certain matter to the Department of Juvenile Services for a certain informal adjustment if the time for a certain adjudicatory hearing has been waived and the petition is not the result of an unsuccessful informal adjustment; providing a certain exception to the requirement that the court hold an adjudicatory hearing; and requiring a certain petition to be dismissed if a certain informal adjustment is successfully completed.
  - o Motion to **Support** – passed
  - o Motion to write a letter – passed
- [HB0933](#) – Juvenile Offenders – Dual Sentencing
  - o Synopsis - Authorizing a court exercising criminal jurisdiction in a certain prosecution involving a child to impose simultaneously a juvenile disposition and an adult criminal sentence; authorizing the court to order the child to complete the juvenile disposition and to suspend the adult criminal sentence under certain circumstances; and authorizing the court to take certain actions if the child commits a new offense or violates a condition of the suspended adult criminal sentence.
  - o Motion to **Oppose** – Passed
  - o Motion to write a letter – Passed

- [HB0552](#) – Courts - Juvenile Court - Waiver of Jurisdiction - Victim Impact Statement
  - Synopsis - Requiring a court to consider a victim impact statement in determining whether to waive jurisdiction in a juvenile court case under certain circumstances.
  - Motion to **Oppose** – passed
  - Motion to write a letter – passed
  
- [SB0593/HB0624](#) – Juvenile Law – Child Interrogation Protection Act
  - Synopsis - Requiring a law enforcement officer who takes a child into custody to provide notice to the child's parents, guardian, or custodian in a manner reasonably calculated to give actual notice; specifying the required contents of a notice; prohibiting the interrogation of a child by a law enforcement officer until the child has consulted with a certain attorney and a notice has been provided to the child's parent, guardian, or custodian; requiring that a consultation between a child and an attorney under the Act be confidential; etc.
  - Motion to **Support** – passed
  - Motion to write a letter – passed
  
- [HB1437/SB1038](#) – Juveniles Convicted as Adults – Sentencing – Limitations and Reduction (Juvenile Restoration Act)
  - Synopsis - Authorizing a court, when sentencing a minor convicted as an adult, to impose a sentence less than the minimum term required by law; prohibiting a court from imposing a sentence of life without the possibility of parole or release for a minor; authorizing a certain individual to file a motion to reduce the duration of the individual's sentence; requiring the court to conduct a hearing on a motion to reduce the duration of a sentence; etc.
  - Motion to **Support** – passed
  - Motion to write a letter - passed
  
- [HB1069](#) – Juvenile Causes – Court Records
  - Synopsis - Specifying that a provision of law that provides for the confidentiality of certain court records pertaining to certain children does not prohibit review of a court record by the Department of Juvenile Services if the Department is providing treatment, services, or care to a child who is subject of the record; and altering a certain exception to a provision of law that provides for the confidentiality of certain court records pertaining to certain children.
  - No action taken or recommended
  
- [HB842/SB248](#) - Juvenile Law - Jurisdiction - Attempted Carjacking and Attempted Armed Carjacking
  - Synopsis - Providing that the juvenile court does not have jurisdiction over a child alleged to have committed attempted carjacking or attempted armed

carjacking unless the child is under the age of 16 years or a court exercising criminal jurisdiction transfers a case to the juvenile court.

- Motion to **Oppose** – passed
- Motion to write - passed

8:20 p.m. III. Old Business

- a. January 2020 meeting minutes - Motion to **Approve** - passed

8:30 p.m. IV. New Business

- a. Ad-hoc Youth Panel Committee teleconference – teleconference was on Feb 11 – Joshua Pestaner
  - a. Discussed hosting the youth panel in July or September
  - b. Panelist between the age will be 18-24 with previous involvement but no active cases/contact with DJS. Committee is discussing how to recruit for panelist.
  - c. Topics for the panel initially identified include what is and isn't working with DJS
  - d. Committee discussed the need for a facilitator that is close in age to the panelist
  - e. Committee discussed a prep meeting between the facilitator and panelists prior to the panel date.
  - f. Committee discussed exploring options for a stipend/gift card as well as ability to provide dinner and transportation for the panelists
  - g. Next meeting scheduled for 3/10 at 7pm
- b. Juvenile Justice Reform Council listening session- Collaboration Council on Children Youth and families- Gwen
  - a. Afternoon session had low turnout; Evening session had better turnover however it was mostly Prince George's County folks who spoke, very few Montgomery County folks spoke at the event
- c. Judges meeting will be held at May meeting instead of April due to Judge Callahan's calendar.

8:40 p.m. V. Announcements from Agency Members, Commissioners and Members of the Public.

8:45 p.m. VI. Meeting Adjourned

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