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COMMISSION ON JUVENILE JUSTICE

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**Tuesday, November 19, 2019**

**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. Introduction of new Commission members

7:05 p.m. II. Speakers- Delegate Charlotte Crutchfeld and Delegate David Moon to speak on upcoming Juvenile Justice Legislation

- Leadership Changes – turnover among leadership including a New Speaker in the House and a new Senate President. The Judiciary Committee Chair is still new (one previous session). The geography of where leadership is from (i.e., several from Baltimore) has shifted as well.
- Judiciary Committee and each Delegate publish highlights following each legislative session.
- 2019 Legislative Session Highlights
  - o Successes
    - Some restrictions on when minors can be placed in restrictive housing (aka isolation)
    - Change in law – minimum age of detention is 12 years old
  - o Unresolved Bills
    - Being pushed by Washington County for schools receiving a transfer student with a record to be made aware of the record
    - Bill to restrict use of juvenile records prior to decision to charge as an adult
    - Bill put into study to allow minors to self-enroll in shelters in situations like their parents using substances
    - How we educate juveniles in the system – pilot project in Montgomery County however one Senator has been less receptive due to concerns around the fit for Baltimore.

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- Felony murder rule – nearby jurisdictions have been exploring how juveniles charged as adults are sentenced
- Questions from the Commission:
  - Youth charged as adults and considerations to reduce sentence length after time served, how would this be handled? Jurisdictions have handled this differently, there is not consensus.
  - Bill regarding juvenile fines & fees – Both Delegates felt this bill will likely gain traction this session.
  - Juvenile fines & fees, when they are charged as adults and then waived down the youth must complete expungement forms which public defender clients do not pay for. Could expungement be automatic and free for all youth? Waiving fees for youth charged as adults but charges are dropped?
    - If expungement isn't automatic, how many people aren't applying for expungement? Exact number is unknown but general sense is that the process and need to complete this step is not well known among youth and families.
  - Law enforcement trust and transparency – there is a House workgroup that is exploring police accountability/transparency
  - Mugshot bill, what prevented this bill from moving forward – Delegate Moon speculated that this was tied to issues with another bill that was not well received.

7:50 p.m. II. Old Business  
 a. October 2019 meeting minutes – approved, no objections

7:55 p.m. III. New Business  
 a. Annual Report vote – approved, no objections  
 b. Emeritus member vote – approved, no objections  
 c. Upcoming Meetings  
   a. No Meeting in December.  
   b. Next meeting January 21, 2020.  
 d. Conversation with Jessica Feierman, Juvenile Law Center –  
   a. Efforts to eliminate juvenile fines & fees; Montgomery County already eliminated these fines & fees – Advocacy efforts are taking place with anticipation that a bill will be introduced again in the 2020 session  
 e. Ad-hoc Youth Committee teleconference –  
   a. Subcommittee sought input from the commission regarding continued efforts exploring youth membership

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- b. Subcommittee asked for additional commission participation to grow the membership of the subcommittee
- c. Commission voted to extend the subcommittee

8:20 p.m. V. Announcements from Agency Members, Commissioners and Members of the Public. – None.

8:30 p.m. VI. Meeting Adjourned