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House Bill 49

Criminal Procedure - Pretrial Release - Pretrial Risk
Assessment Instruments

Hearing: January 21, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.

OPPOSE

January 28, 2020

The Honorable Luke Clippinger, Chairman
Judiciary Committee
Room 101, House Office Building
6 Bladen Street
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Chairman Clippinger:

The Commissioners of St. Mary's County OPPOSE House Bill 49 - Criminal Procedure - Pretrial Release - Pretrial Risk Assessment Instruments which was heard on January 21, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. in the Judiciary Committee.

Validation of the Pre-Trial Risk Assessment needs to be determined by the County not an unfunded mandate and it would be very expensive for all counties. It cost \$40,000 for St. Mary's County to do our Assessment Instructions which were funded by a grant. So counties our size would be a similar in cost and it would cost a lot more for larger corrections agencies.

We oppose the introduction of this legislation and do not believe this legislation would benefit the citizens of St. Mary's County. We look forward to working with you on this and other initiatives throughout the session.

Sincerely,
COMMISSIONERS OF ST. MARY'S COUNTY


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