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H.B. 6446, An Act Concerning Judicial Marshals

Senator Coleman, Representative Fox, Senator Kissel, Representative Rebinbas, and members of the Judiciary Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony, on behalf of the Judicial Branch, on H.B. 6446, *An Act Concerning Judicial Marshals*.

This proposal would require the Judicial Branch to develop and utilize a written examination for supervisory judicial marshal positions. The Branch is not in favor of codifying a testing requirement for judicial marshals. Our process of hiring and promotion is not, and has never been, based on examination, and we would not support legislation that would require us to move in that direction. There has been no demonstration that the Branch does not properly select the best qualified candidates or has discriminated in the selection of candidates. Indeed, we are proud of our record in this area.

Having said that, I am happy to be able to report to you that we have reached an agreement with the proponents of the bill to institute a written qualifying examination that is similar to that used by the Department of Correction (DOC). This examination will be used for promotional opportunities for the positions of Lead and Supervising Judicial Marshal. We intend to ask the Executive Branch Department of Administrative Services to assist us in developing the examination, based on their expertise in developing the test used by the DOC. With their assistance, we believe we can implement the new examination within six months.

It is our understanding that, in light of the above, the proponents of this bill have agreed to withdraw the proposal. I believe that they will testify to that effect today.

In conclusion, I urge the Committee to take no action on this bill. Thank you for your consideration.