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Subject: New Polling Shows Majority of Maryland Voters Support Second Look Act

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A new Public Policy Polling survey finds that 65% of Maryland voters support (including 31% who strongly support) a newly passed state law called the Second Look Act. This law allows people who committed serious crimes before the age of 25 and were given long sentences to ask a judge to take a “second look” at their sentence length after they have served 20 years. Depending on their behavior since they were imprisoned, they may be released early. There already existed a similar opportunity for those convicted before the age of 18. Those who support this law include a majority (57%) of independents, 62% of white people, and 72% of Black people.

Public Policy Polling surveyed 561 Maryland voters from April 18-19, 2025. The margin of error is +/- 4.1%. 65% of interviews for the survey were conducted by text message and 35% by telephone.

