

# It's time to BAN Deceptive Practices in the Custodial Interrogation of Children!

## What is **Custodial Interrogation**?

- Custody occurs **when a person has been arrested and does not feel free to leave the police presence**
- Interrogation occurs when **police question a person about involvement in a crime**

## What is **Deception**?

- **Lying to children** in custody by either
  - **misleading** them to believe that confessing will result in a lesser sentence or their release
  - **using false facts to threaten a confession**
  - **using false definitions of the law**

## Why are **Deceptive Practices a Problem**?

- *Children are uniquely at risk of falsely confessing.*
- In 2022, among persons exonerated for crimes that they were accused of committing when they were under 18 years old, **36% had provided a false confession.**
- Among those exonerated for crimes that they were accused of committing when they were **under 14 years old 86% falsely confessed to a crime they did not commit.**

## The Solution

- Pass a **Ban on Deceptive Practices in Custodial Interrogation of Children.**
- **Make any statement taken from a child who has faced deceptive practices inadmissible as evidence in court.**

## Maryland Can Prevent False Confessions from Children by Banning Deceptive Interrogation Practices

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