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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Foster Care - Arrearage in Child Support - Prohibition**

3 FOR the purpose of providing that an obligor who is in arrears in making child support
4 payments is not eligible to become licensed or approved to provide foster care;
5 providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to prohibiting an
6 obligor in arrears from becoming licensed or approved to provide foster care.

7 BY adding to

8 Article - Family Law
9 Section 5-525.3
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (1991 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
13 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

14 **Article - Family Law**

15 5-525.3.

16 (A) IN THIS SECTION "OBLIGOR" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS 60 DAYS OR
17 MORE IN ARREARS IN MAKING CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENTS FOR THE OBLIGOR'S
18 BIOLOGICAL CHILD AND:

19 (1) THE ADMINISTRATION HAS ACCEPTED AN ASSIGNMENT OF
20 SUPPORT UNDER ARTICLE 88A, § 48(2) OF THE CODE; OR

21 (2) THE RECIPIENT OF SUPPORT PAYMENTS HAS FILED AN
22 APPLICATION FOR SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT SERVICES WITH THE ADMINISTRATION.

23 (B) AN OBLIGOR MAY NOT BE LICENSED OR APPROVED TO PROVIDE FOSTER
24 CARE BY:

25 (1) A LOCAL DEPARTMENT;

26 (2) THE DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE;

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1 (3) A CHILD CARE PLACEMENT AGENCY THAT IS LICENSED UNDER §
2 5-507 OF THIS SUBTITLE;

3 (4) A COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION;

4 (5) THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE; OR

5 (6) THE ADMINISTRATION PURSUANT TO § 5-508 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

6 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall be
7 construed only prospectively and may not be applied or interpreted to have any effect on
8 or application to any licensed or approved foster care provider, or an application to be
9 licensed or approved as a foster care provider before the effective date of this Act.

10 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
11 October 1, 1996.