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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Family Law - Child Support**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring that an order awarding child support remain in effect
4 until the child marries or attains a certain age; establishing a certain exception
5 for an unmarried child who is enrolled in a certain educational program at
6 certain secondary schools, colleges, or postsecondary schools; permitting a court
7 to modify child support awards as circumstances require; and generally relating
8 to child support awards.

9 BY adding to
10 Article - Family Law
11 Section 12-101(e), (f), and (g)
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (1999 Replacement Volume)

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

16 **Article - Family Law**

17 12-101.

18 (E) AN ORDER AWARDING CHILD SUPPORT SHALL CONTINUE TO BE IN
19 EFFECT UNTIL THE FIRST TO OCCUR OF THE FOLLOWING EVENTS:

- 20 (1) THE CHILD RECEIVING THE SUPPORT MARRIES; OR
- 21 (2) THE CHILD RECEIVING THE SUPPORT ATTAINS THE AGE OF 18
22 YEARS.

23 (F) NOTWITHSTANDING SUBSECTION (E) OF THIS SECTION, AN ORDER
24 AWARDING CHILD SUPPORT TO AN UNMARRIED CHILD WHO IS ENROLLED IN AT
25 LEAST 4 UNITS OF CREDIT IN A PROGRAM AT A SECONDARY SCHOOL, OR IN AN
26 ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM AT AN ACCREDITED COLLEGE OR AN APPROVED
27 VOCATIONAL, TECHNICAL, OR POSTSECONDARY SCHOOL AS DEFINED BY THE STATE

1 SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS, SHALL CONTINUE TO BE IN EFFECT UNTIL THE
2 FIRST TO OCCUR OF THE FOLLOWING EVENTS:

3 (1) THE CHILD RECEIVING THE SUPPORT MARRIES;

4 (2) THE CHILD RECEIVING THE SUPPORT GRADUATES FROM A
5 SECONDARY SCHOOL OR COMPLETES THE TRAINING IN AN ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM
6 AT AN ACCREDITED COLLEGE OR AN APPROVED VOCATIONAL, TECHNICAL, OR
7 POSTSECONDARY SCHOOL AS DEFINED BY THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF
8 SCHOOLS; OR

9 (3) THE CHILD RECEIVING THE SUPPORT ATTAINS THE AGE OF 18
10 YEARS.

11 (G) THIS SECTION MAY NOT BE CONSTRUED TO PREVENT A COURT FROM
12 MODIFYING A CHILD SUPPORT AWARD AS CIRCUMSTANCES REQUIRE.

13 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
14 October 1, 1999.