

BY: House Judiciary Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 145  
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, strike “Termination of Support Obligation” and substitute “Modification Hearing”; strike beginning with “establishing” in line 3 down through the second “child” in line 9 and substitute “requiring a certain child support order or modification of a child support order to state the dates on which each child subject to the order will attain a certain age; requiring the court, on its own motion, to schedule a modification hearing within a certain time period under certain circumstances; requiring the court to give certain notice to the parties in a certain manner; providing for the contents of the notice; requiring the court to hold a modification hearing, except under certain circumstances; establishing that the date on which the court makes a certain motion shall be considered to be the date of the filing of a motion for modification for certain purposes”; and in line 18, strike “and 12-204.1”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, strike beginning with “(1)” in line 2 down through “GUIDELINES” in line 26 and substitute “THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY TO A CHILD SUPPORT ORDER FOR THE SUPPORT OF MULTIPLE CHILDREN.”

(B) ANY CHILD SUPPORT ORDER OR MODIFICATION OF A CHILD SUPPORT ORDER SHALL STATE THE DATES ON WHICH EACH CHILD SUBJECT TO THE ORDER WILL ATTAIN THE AGE OF 18 YEARS.

(C) (1) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (D)(1) OF THIS SECTION, THE COURT, ON ITS OWN MOTION, SHALL SCHEDULE A MODIFICATION HEARING WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE ON WHICH ANY CHILD SUBJECT TO THE ORDER ATTAINS THE AGE OF 18 YEARS.

(2) (1) THE COURT SHALL GIVE NOTICE TO THE PARTIES OF THE

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DATE AND TIME OF THE MODIFICATION HEARING IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MARYLAND RULES.

(II) THE NOTICE SHALL CONTAIN A PROVISION AUTHORIZING EACH PARTY TO FILE A WRITTEN WAIVER OF THE RIGHT TO A MODIFICATION HEARING UNDER THIS SECTION.

(D) THE COURT SHALL HOLD A MODIFICATION HEARING UNLESS:

(1) BY WRITTEN AGREEMENT, BOTH PARTIES HAVE WAIVED THE RIGHT TO A MODIFICATION HEARING UNDER THIS SECTION; OR

(2) BOTH PARTIES HAVE FILED A WAIVER UNDER SUBSECTION (C)(2)(II) OF THIS SECTION.

(E) THE DATE ON WHICH THE COURT MAKES A MOTION UNDER SUBSECTION (C)(1) OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE CONSIDERED TO BE THE DATE OF THE FILING OF A MOTION FOR MODIFICATION FOR PURPOSES OF § 12-104 OF THIS SUBTITLE”;

and strike beginning with “prospectively” in line 28 down through “Act” in line 30 and substitute “to child support orders or modifications of child support orders issued on or after the effective date of this Act”.