

HOUSE BILL 1301

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By: **Delegates Carter, Anderson, Branch, Conaway, Harper, Oaks, Stukes, and Summers**

Introduced and read first time: February 7, 2014

Assigned to: Judiciary

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

Family Law – Child Support – Custody and Visitation Determinations

FOR the purpose of requiring the court, in any case in which the court determines child support, to also consider custody and visitation of the child; requiring the Child Support Enforcement Administration to refer certain parties to the court for purposes of considering custody and visitation of the child under certain circumstances; and generally relating to child support and custody and visitation determinations.

BY adding to

Article – Family Law

Section 9–109

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2012 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

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

Article – Family Law

9–109.

(A) IN ANY CASE IN WHICH THE COURT DETERMINES CHILD SUPPORT UNDER TITLE 12 OF THIS ARTICLE, THE COURT SHALL ALSO CONSIDER CUSTODY AND VISITATION OF THE CHILD.

(B) IN ANY CASE IN WHICH THE CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION ESTABLISHES A CHILD SUPPORT OBLIGATION UNDER TITLE 10 OF THIS ARTICLE, THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL REFER THE PARTIES TO THE

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



COURT FOR PURPOSES OF CONSIDERING CUSTODY AND VISITATION OF THE CHILD.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2014.