

# SENATE BILL 1095

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By: **Senator Muse**

Introduced and read first time: February 17, 2017

Assigned to: Rules

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Family Law – Child Support – Custody and Visitation**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the court, in any case in which the court determines child  
4 support, if there is no court order awarding custody and visitation of the child, to  
5 refer the parties to certain resources available to assist them in establishing custody  
6 and visitation; requiring the Child Support Enforcement Administration to refer  
7 certain parties to certain resources available to assist them in establishing custody  
8 and visitation under certain circumstances; and generally relating to child support  
9 and custody and visitation determinations.

10 BY adding to

11 Article – Family Law

12 Section 9–109

13 Annotated Code of Maryland

14 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

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

17 **Article – Family Law**

18 **9–109.**

19 **(A) IN ANY CASE IN WHICH THE COURT DETERMINES CHILD SUPPORT**  
20 **UNDER TITLE 12 OF THIS ARTICLE, IF THERE IS NO COURT ORDER AWARDING**  
21 **CUSTODY AND VISITATION OF THE CHILD, THE COURT SHALL REFER THE PARTIES**  
22 **TO RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO ASSIST THEM IN ESTABLISHING CUSTODY AND**  
23 **VISITATION.**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           **(B) IN ANY CASE IN WHICH THE CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT**  
2 **ADMINISTRATION ESTABLISHES A CHILD SUPPORT OBLIGATION UNDER TITLE 10 OF**  
3 **THIS ARTICLE, IF THERE IS NO COURT ORDER AWARDING CUSTODY AND VISITATION**  
4 **OF THE CHILD, THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL REFER THE PARTIES TO RESOURCES**  
5 **AVAILABLE TO ASSIST THEM IN ESTABLISHING CUSTODY AND VISITATION.**

6           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
7 October 1, 2017.