

HOUSE BILL 1245

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By: **Delegate Rosenberg**

Introduced and read first time: February 8, 2019

Assigned to: Judiciary

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Department of Human Services – Child Support Services – Study and Report**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Human Services, in consultation with the
4 Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation and certain organizations, to review
5 certain child support laws and policies, study certain child support best practices,
6 and recommend certain statutory and policy changes; requiring the Department of
7 Human Services to report its findings and recommendations to certain committees
8 of the General Assembly on or before a certain date; and generally relating to child
9 support services.

10 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
11 That:

12 (a) The Department of Human Services, in consultation with the Department of
13 Labor, Licensing, and Regulation, the Center for Urban Families, Equity Matters, and
14 other local providers and policy organizations, shall:

15 (1) review State child support laws and policies related to noncustodial
16 parents;

17 (2) study child support best practices in other states for noncustodial
18 parents; and

19 (3) recommend statutory and policy changes to:

20 (i) encourage family engagement;

21 (ii) assist low-income parents in meeting child support obligations;
22 and

23 (iii) promote economic self-sufficiency for noncustodial parents.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (b) On or before December 1, 2019, the Department of Human Services shall
2 report to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Appropriations Committee, in
3 accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, its findings and
4 recommendations on State child support services.

5 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
6 1, 2019.