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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Family Law - Noncustodial Parent - Child Support**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring certain noncustodial parents who are unable to pay child
4 support obligations to perform community service and enroll in, return to, or remain
5 in school or a vocational or technical training program until graduation or a certain
6 age; prohibiting the Social Services Administration from paying certain public
7 assistance to certain individuals; and generally relating to child support obligations
8 of noncustodial parents.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
10 Article 88A - Social Services Administration
11 Section 65(a), 65A(a), and 65B(a)
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (1995 Replacement Volume)

14 BY adding to
15 Article 88A - Social Services Administration
16 Section 71A
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (1995 Replacement Volume)

19 BY adding to
20 Article - Family Law
21 Section 12-205
22 Annotated Code of Maryland
23 (1991 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

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

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1 **Article 88A - Social Services Administration**

2 65.

3 (a) The Social Services Administration shall establish, implement and modify as
4 necessary a program of State funded assistance payments to residents of the State of
5 Maryland whose income and benefits are not sufficient to maintain a reasonable
6 subsistence compatible with decency and health, and who (1) are eligible for or receive
7 cash benefits under Title XVI of the federal Social Security Act, or (2) are aged, blind, or
8 disabled as required under Title XVI of the Social Security Act and, but for income,
9 would receive cash benefits under that title; such program to be known as public
10 assistance to adults.

11 65A.

12 (a) The Social Services Administration shall promptly establish, implement and
13 modify as necessary a program of State funded assistance payments to residents of the
14 State of Maryland who are temporarily in need but not eligible for any other State or
15 federal category of assistance; such program to be known as general public assistance.

16 65B.

17 (a) The State Administration promptly shall establish and implement and, as
18 necessary, modify a program of general public assistance to employables. The program
19 shall provide State and locally funded assistance payments to employable residents of this
20 State, who temporarily require assistance.

21 71A.

22 THE STATE ADMINISTRATION MAY NOT PAY ASSISTANCE PROVIDED IN THIS
23 SUBTITLE TO ANY INDIVIDUAL WHO FAILS TO COMPLY WITH § 12-205 OF THE FAMILY
24 LAW ARTICLE.

25 **Article - Family Law**

26 12-205.

27 IF THE NONCUSTODIAL PARENT IS UNABLE TO PAY CHILD SUPPORT DUE TO
28 BEING UNEMPLOYED AND THE COURT IS UNABLE TO ATTRIBUTE POTENTIAL
29 INCOME, THE COURT SHALL REQUIRE THE NONCUSTODIAL PARENT TO:

30 (1) PERFORM COMMUNITY SERVICE CONSISTING OF WORK FOR A
31 POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE, A PRIVATE NONPROFIT AGENCY OR
32 INSTITUTION, OR OTHER ACTIVITY THAT BENEFITS THE PUBLIC, AS ESTABLISHED IN
33 REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY THE SECRETARY OF HUMAN RESOURCES; AND

34 (2) (I) IF THE NONCUSTODIAL PARENT IS UNDER THE AGE OF 22
35 YEARS, ENROLLED IN OR REMAINS IN SCHOOL OR A VOCATIONAL OR TECHNICAL
36 TRAINING PROGRAM UNTIL THE NONCUSTODIAL PARENT'S GRADUATION OR 22ND
37 BIRTHDAY; OR

38 (II) IF THE NONCUSTODIAL PARENT IS AT LEAST 22 YEARS OLD,
39 REMAINS IN OR RETURNS TO AN INSTITUTION OF POST SECONDARY EDUCATION, AS

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1 DEFINED IN TITLE 10 OF THE EDUCATION ARTICLE, OR A VOCATIONAL OR
2 TECHNICAL TRAINING PROGRAM.

3 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
4 July 1, 1996.