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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Family Law - Child Support**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring that an order awarding child support remain in effect until
4 the child marries or attains a certain age; establishing a certain exception for an
5 unmarried child who is enrolled in a certain educational program at certain schools,
6 colleges, or postsecondary schools; permitting a court to modify child support
7 awards as circumstances require; and generally relating to child support awards.

8 BY adding to
9 Article - Family Law
10 Section 12-101(d), (e), and (f)
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (1991 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

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

15 **Article - Family Law**

16 12-101.

17 (D) AN ORDER AWARDING CHILD SUPPORT SHALL CONTINUE TO BE IN
18 EFFECT UNTIL THE FIRST TO OCCUR OF THE FOLLOWING EVENTS:

19 (1) THE CHILD RECEIVING THE SUPPORT MARRIES; OR

20 (2) THE CHILD RECEIVING THE SUPPORT ATTAINS THE AGE OF 18
21 YEARS.

22 (E) NOTWITHSTANDING SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION, AN ORDER
23 AWARDING CHILD SUPPORT TO AN UNMARRIED CHILD WHO IS ENROLLED IN AT
24 LEAST FOUR UNITS OF CREDIT IN AN ACCREDITED COLLEGE OR AN APPROVED
25 VOCATIONAL, TECHNICAL, OR POSTSECONDARY SCHOOL AS DEFINED BY THE
26 STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS, SHALL CONTINUE TO BE IN EFFECT UNTIL
27 THE FIRST TO OCCUR OF THE FOLLOWING EVENTS:

28 (1) THE CHILD RECEIVING THE SUPPORT MARRIES; OR

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1 (2) THE CHILD RECEIVING THE SUPPORT GRADUATES FROM AN
2 ACCREDITED COLLEGE OR AN APPROVED VOCATIONAL, TECHNICAL, OR
3 POSTSECONDARY SCHOOL AS DEFINED BY THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF
4 SCHOOLS.

5 (F) THIS SECTION MAY NOT BE CONSTRUED TO PREVENT A COURT FROM
6 MODIFYING A CHILD SUPPORT AWARD AS CIRCUMSTANCES REQUIRE.

7 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
8 October 1, 1996.