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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Assistance - Motivation of School Attendance**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring certain reductions in certain payments of grants to
4 recipients under the Family Investment Program for absences or suspensions from
5 school of a recipient's school-age dependent child.

6 BY adding to

7 Article 88A - Department of Human Resources
8 Section 55
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (1995 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

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

13 **Article 88A - Department of Human Resources**

14 55.

15 WHEN A RECIPIENT'S DEPENDENT CHILD IS REQUIRED TO ATTEND SCHOOL
16 UNDER § 7-301 OF THE EDUCATION ARTICLE, A GRANT OF ASSISTANCE UNDER THE
17 FAMILY INVESTMENT PROGRAM SHALL BE SUBJECT TO A \$5 PENALTY REDUCTION
18 OF A SUBSEQUENT MONTHLY ASSISTANCE PAYMENT FOR:

19 (1) EACH SCHOOL DAY OF AN ASSISTANCE PAYMENT MONTH THAT THE
20 DEPENDENT CHILD IS ABSENT FROM SCHOOL IF THE ABSENCE IS UNEXCUSED BY
21 SCHOOL OFFICIALS; AND

22 (2) EACH INSTANCE OF DISCIPLINARY SUSPENSION OF THE DEPENDENT
23 CHILD FROM SCHOOL BY SCHOOL OFFICIALS DURING AN ASSISTANCE PAYMENT
24 MONTH.

25 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
26 October 1, 1997.