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By: **Delegate Workman**

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Assigned to: Judiciary

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Family Law - Duty to Support Adult Child - Secondary School**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing that the parents of an adult child who is enrolled in
4 secondary school are jointly and severally responsible for the support of the child
5 until the first of certain events occurs; providing for the application of this Act;
6 and generally relating to child support.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
8 Article 1 - Rules of Interpretation
9 Section 24(b)
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (1996 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
13 Article - Family Law
14 Section 5-203(b)
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (1991 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

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

19 **Article 1 - Rules of Interpretation**

20 24.

21 (b) (1) The terms "adult", "of full age", or "of legal age" refer to persons who
22 have attained the age of eighteen years.

23 (2) The term "minor", as it pertains to legal age and capacity, refers to
24 persons who have not attained the age of eighteen years.

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Article - Family Law

2 5-203.

3 (b) (1) The parents of a minor child:

4 [(1)] (I) are jointly and severally responsible for the child's support,
5 care, nurture, welfare, and education; and

6 [(2)] (II) have the same powers and duties in relation to the child.

7 (2) THE PARENTS OF AN ADULT CHILD WHO IS ENROLLED IN
8 SECONDARY SCHOOL ARE JOINTLY AND SEVERALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE
9 SUPPORT OF THE CHILD UNTIL THE FIRST OF THE FOLLOWING EVENTS OCCURS:

10 (I) THE CHILD MARRIES;

11 (II) THE CHILD GRADUATES FROM OR IS NO LONGER ENROLLED IN
12 SECONDARY SCHOOL; OR

13 (III) THE CHILD ATTAINS THE AGE OF 19 YEARS.

14 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall apply only
15 to cases to establish or modify child support filed on or after the effective date of this
16 Act.17 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act may not be
18 considered to be a material change of circumstances for purposes of modifying a child
19 support order issued before the effective date of this Act.20 SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
21 October 1, 1998.