
By: **Senator Miller**

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Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Family Law - Child Support - Secondary Education**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing that a child support order shall continue in effect if
4 a child is enrolled in secondary school under certain circumstances; clarifying
5 that this Act does not prohibit a court from modifying a child support order
6 under appropriate circumstances; providing for the application and effect of this
7 Act; and generally relating to child support.

8 BY adding to
9 Article - Family Law
10 Section 12-101(e) and (f)
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (1991 Replacement Volume and 1997 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 (E) A CHILD SUPPORT ORDER FOR A CHILD WHO IS ENROLLED IN SECONDARY
18 SCHOOL SHALL CONTINUE IN EFFECT UNTIL THE FIRST OF THE FOLLOWING EVENTS
19 OCCURS:

20 (1) THE CHILD GRADUATES FROM OR IS NO LONGER ENROLLED IN A
21 SECONDARY SCHOOL OR VOCATIONAL PROGRAM; OR

22 (2) THE CHILD ATTAINS THE AGE OF 20 YEARS.

23 (F) THIS SECTION DOES NOT PROHIBIT A COURT FROM MODIFYING A CHILD
24 SUPPORT ORDER UNDER § 12-104 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

25 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall apply only
26 to cases to establish or modify child support filed on or after the effective date of this
27 Act.

1 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act may not be
2 considered to be a material change of circumstances for purposes of modifying a child
3 support order issued before the effective date of this Act.

4 SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
5 October 1, 1998.