

**Department of Legislative Services**  
Maryland General Assembly

**FISCAL NOTE**

House Bill 79 (Delegates Workman and Taylor)

Judiciary

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**Family Law - Child Support - Secondary and Postsecondary Education**

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This bill establishes the circumstances under which a child support order terminates, such as when a child reaches the age of 18. However, it extends child support payments if the child is enrolled in secondary school until the child reaches age 19. It also extends child support payments if the child is enrolled in a postsecondary institution until the child reaches the age of 22. The bill does not prohibit a court from modifying a child support order and provides for division between the parents of a child's postsecondary school expenses. It applies only to cases to establish or modify child support orders filed on or after its effective date and is not to be considered a material change of circumstances for purposes of modifying a child support order issued before its effective date.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None. The bill would not directly affect State governmental operations or finances.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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