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By: **Delegate Owings (By Request)**  
Introduced and read first time: January 18, 1999  
Assigned to: Judiciary

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Custody - Natural Parents - Controlled Dangerous Substance Violation**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a court from awarding custody to a natural parent  
4 who has been found guilty of a certain controlled dangerous substance violation;  
5 and generally relating to child custody.

6 BY adding to  
7 Article - Family Law  
8 Section 9-101.2  
9 Annotated Code of Maryland  
10 (1991 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

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

13 **Article - Family Law**

14 9-101.2.

15 IN ANY CUSTODY PROCEEDING, THE COURT MAY NOT AWARD CUSTODY OF A  
16 CHILD TO A NATURAL PARENT WHO HAS BEEN FOUND GUILTY OF A VIOLATION OF  
17 ANY OF THE PROVISIONS UNDER ARTICLE 27, §§ 286 THROUGH 289 OF THE CODE.

18 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
19 October 1, 1999.