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CHAPTER\_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Family Investment Program - Earned Income Disregard**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the amount of earned income that will be disregarded for  
4 the purposes of determining the amount of assistance an individual may receive  
5 under the Family Investment Program; prohibiting the use of general funds for  
6 certain purposes; and generally relating to the Family Investment Program.

7 BY repealing  
8 Article 88A - Department of Human Resources  
9 Section 49(d)  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (1998 Replacement Volume)

12 BY adding to  
13 Article 88A - Department of Human Resources  
14 Section 49(d)  
15 Annotated Code of Maryland  
16 (1998 Replacement Volume)

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

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

2 49.

3     {(d)     (1)     For applicants to the Family Investment Program, the amount of  
4 assistance shall be computed by counting no more than 4 weeks of earned income in  
5 any month and disregarding 20% of that earned income.

6             (2)     For eligible Family Investment Program recipients who obtain  
7 unsubsidized employment, the amount of assistance shall be computed by counting no  
8 more than 4 weeks of earned income in any month and disregarding ~~26%~~ 35% of that  
9 earned income.}

10     ~~(D)     THE AMOUNT OF ASSISTANCE SHALL BE COMPUTED BY COUNTING NO  
11 MORE THAN 4 WEEKS OF EARNED INCOME IN ANY MONTH AND DISREGARDING THE  
12 FIRST \$170 OF THE TOTAL OF THAT EARNED INCOME PLUS 60% OF THE REMAINDER  
13 OF THAT EARNED INCOME.~~

14     SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That no general funds may be  
15 used to fund an increase in the earned income disregard from 26% to 35%, as required  
16 by this Act.

17     SECTION 2-3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take  
18 effect July 1, 1999.