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Assigned to: Rules

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Child Support - Parent of Other Children in the Household**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a court when establishing or modifying a child
4 support obligation, to consider the presence in the household of either parent of
5 other children to whom that parent owes a duty of support and the expenses for
6 whom that parent is directly contributing; and generally relating to child
7 support.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article - Family Law
10 Section 12-202(a)
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (1999 Replacement Volume)

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 12-202.

17 (a) (1) Subject to the provisions of paragraph (2) of this subsection, in any
18 proceeding to establish or modify child support, whether pendente lite or permanent,
19 the court shall use the child support guidelines set forth in this subtitle.

20 (2) (i) There is a rebuttable presumption that the amount of child
21 support which would result from the application of the child support guidelines set
22 forth in this subtitle is the correct amount of child support to be awarded.

23 (ii) The presumption may be rebutted by evidence that the
24 application of the guidelines would be unjust or inappropriate in a particular case.

25 (iii) In determining whether the application of the guidelines would
26 be unjust or inappropriate in a particular case, the court may consider[:

