

BY: Budget and Taxation Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 316

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 5, after "child" insert "who is a Maryland resident at the time of adoption".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, in line 15, after "includes" insert ":

(1) IF THE CHILD IS A STATE RESIDENT AT THE TIME OF ADOPTION, REASONABLE AND NECESSARY ADOPTION FEES, COURT COSTS, ATTORNEY FEES, AND OTHER EXPENSES NOT EXCEEDING:

(I) \$6,000 THAT A PARENT INCURS IN THE ADOPTION OF A CHILD WHOM THE STATE DETERMINES IS A CHILD WITH A SPECIAL NEED, AS DESCRIBED IN § 473(C)(1) AND (2) OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT, IF THE ADOPTION IS MADE THROUGH A PRIVATE, NOT FOR PROFIT, LICENSED ADOPTION AGENCY OR A PUBLIC CHILD WELFARE AGENCY; AND

(II) \$5,000 THAT A PARENT INCURS IN THE ADOPTION OF A CHILD WITHOUT A SPECIAL NEED AS PROVIDED UNDER SUBITEM (I) OF THIS ITEM; AND

(2) IF THE CHILD IS NOT A STATE RESIDENT AT THE TIME OF ADOPTION,;

in line 18, strike "(1)" and substitute "(I)"; in the same line, strike the brackets; in the same line, strike "\$6,000"; in line 22, strike "(2)" and substitute "(II)"; in the same line, strike the brackets; in the same line, strike "\$5,000"; in line 23, strike "item (1) of this subsection" and substitute "SUBITEM (I) OF THIS ITEM".