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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Family Law - Child Support - Secondary Education**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing that a child support order shall terminate when the
4 first of certain events occurs, except under certain circumstances; establishing
5 that a child support order shall continue in effect for a child who has attained
6 the age of majority and is enrolled in secondary school until the first of certain
7 events occurs; providing for the application of this Act; establishing that this Act
8 may not be considered to be a material change of circumstances for purposes of
9 modifying certain child support orders; and generally relating to child support.

10 BY adding to
11 Article - Family Law
12 Section 12-101.1
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (1999 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

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

17 **Article - Family Law**

18 12-101.1.

19 (A) A CHILD SUPPORT ORDER SHALL TERMINATE WHEN THE FIRST OF THE
20 FOLLOWING EVENTS OCCURS:

- 21 (1) THE CHILD RECEIVING THE SUPPORT DIES;
- 22 (2) THE CHILD RECEIVING THE SUPPORT MARRIES; OR
- 23 (3) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, THE
24 CHILD RECEIVING THE SUPPORT ATTAINS THE AGE OF MAJORITY.

1 (B) A CHILD SUPPORT ORDER FOR A CHILD WHO HAS ATTAINED THE AGE OF
2 MAJORITY AND IS ENROLLED IN SECONDARY SCHOOL SHALL CONTINUE IN EFFECT
3 UNTIL THE FIRST OF THE FOLLOWING EVENTS OCCURS:

4 (1) THE CHILD GRADUATES FROM OR IS NO LONGER ENROLLED IN
5 SECONDARY SCHOOL; OR

6 (2) THE CHILD ATTAINS THE AGE OF 19 YEARS.

7 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall apply only
8 to cases filed on or after the effective date of this Act.

9 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act may not be
10 considered to be a material change of circumstances for purposes of modifying a child
11 support order issued before the effective date of this Act.

12 SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
13 October 1, 2000.