

SENATE BILL 144

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and Haines**

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Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Family Law - Denial of Unsupervised Visitation - Sexual Offenses and Child**  
3 **Abuse**

4 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a court from awarding unsupervised visitation with a  
5 child to a noncustodial parent who has been found guilty of incest, rape, a sexual  
6 offense against a child, or child abuse; providing for the application of this Act;  
7 and generally relating to child visitation.

8 BY adding to  
9 Article - Family Law  
10 Section 9-101.2  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (1999 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

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 9-101.2.

17 A COURT MAY NOT AWARD UNSUPERVISED VISITATION WITH A CHILD TO A  
18 NONCUSTODIAL PARENT WHO HAS BEEN FOUND GUILTY BY A COURT OF:

- 19 (1) INCEST;
- 20 (2) RAPE;
- 21 (3) A SEXUAL OFFENSE AGAINST A CHILD; OR
- 22 (4) CHILD ABUSE.

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall apply only  
2 to convictions imposed on or after the effective date of this Act.

3 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
4 October 1, 2000.