

Department of Legislative Services
Maryland General Assembly
2000 Session

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 312 (Delegate Carlson. *et al.*)

Judiciary

Family Law - Child Support - Secondary Education

This bill provides that a child support order terminates when the child receiving the support dies, marries, or turns 18 years of age, whichever occurs first. If the child is enrolled in a secondary school, the child support order remains in effect until the child graduates from or is no longer enrolled in secondary school, or reaches the age of 19, whichever occurs first.

This bill applies only to cases filed on or after the bill's October 1, 2000, effective date.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The Department of Human Resources could verify the secondary school enrollment status of individuals receiving support with existing budgeted resources.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: Child support payments are continued until the child reaches the age of majority, which is 18 in Maryland.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: Similar bills were introduced as SB 242 in the 1999 session and SB 265 in the 1998 session. Both bills received an unfavorable report by the Judicial Proceedings Committee.

Cross File: None.

Information Source(s): Department of Human Resources (Child Support Enforcement Administration), Judiciary (Administrative Office of the Courts), Department of Legislative Services

Fiscal Note History: First Reader - February 14, 2000
cm/jr

Analysis by: Louise Hanson

Direct Inquiries to:
John Rixey, Coordinating Analyst
(410) 946-5510
(301) 970-5510