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Maryland General Assembly
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FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 153 (Senator Ruben. *et al.*)

Judicial Proceedings

Family Law - Child Support

This bill requires that a child support order remains in effect until the child receiving the support marries or turns 18 years of age, whichever occurs first. If the child is enrolled in a specified educational program, a child support order remains in effect until the child marries, graduates, or turns 19 years of age, whichever occurs first. This bill is not to be construed to prevent a court from modifying a child support award as circumstances require.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The Department of Human Resources could verify the enrollment status of the 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: This bill was introduced in the 1999 session as SB 242 and received an unfavorable report by the Judicial Proceedings Committee. A similar bill was introduced in the 1998 session as SB 265 and received an unfavorable report by the Judicial Proceedings Committee.

Cross File: None.

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