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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Family Law - Child Support**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring that an order awarding child support remain in effect
4 until the child marries or attains a certain age; establishing a certain exception
5 for an unmarried child who is enrolled in a certain educational program at a
6 secondary school; allowing a court to modify a child support award as
7 circumstances require; and generally relating to child support awards.

8 BY adding to
9 Article - Family Law
10 Section 12-101(e)
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2000 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 12-101.

17 (E) (1) AN ORDER AWARDING CHILD SUPPORT SHALL CONTINUE TO BE IN
18 EFFECT UNTIL THE FIRST TO OCCUR OF THE FOLLOWING EVENTS:

19 (I) THE CHILD RECEIVING THE SUPPORT MARRIES; OR

1 (II) THE CHILD RECEIVING THE SUPPORT ATTAINS THE AGE OF 18
2 YEARS.

3 (2) NOTWITHSTANDING PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION, AN
4 ORDER AWARDING CHILD SUPPORT TO AN UNMARRIED CHILD WHO IS ENROLLED IN
5 AT LEAST 4 UNITS OF CREDIT IN A PROGRAM AT A SECONDARY SCHOOL SHALL
6 CONTINUE TO BE IN EFFECT UNTIL THE FIRST TO OCCUR OF THE FOLLOWING
7 EVENTS:

8 (I) THE CHILD RECEIVING THE SUPPORT MARRIES;

9 (II) THE CHILD RECEIVING THE SUPPORT GRADUATES FROM OR IS
10 NO LONGER ENROLLED IN SECONDARY SCHOOL; OR

11 (III) THE CHILD RECEIVING THE SUPPORT ATTAINS THE AGE OF 19
12 YEARS.

13 (3) THIS SUBSECTION MAY NOT BE CONSTRUED TO PREVENT A COURT
14 FROM MODIFYING A CHILD SUPPORT AWARD AS CIRCUMSTANCES REQUIRE.

15 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
16 October 1, 2001.