

**Department of Legislative Services**  
Maryland General Assembly  
2001 Session

**FISCAL NOTE**  
**Revised**

House Bill 65 (Delegate Carlson)

Judiciary

Judicial Proceedings

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

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This bill provides that a child support order terminates when the child receiving the support dies, marries, turns 18 years of age, or is emancipated, whichever occurs first. If the child is 18 and enrolled as a full-time student in a secondary school, the child support order remains in effect if both parents assume the duty of support of the child until the child dies, marries, graduates from or is no longer enrolled in secondary school, reaches the age of 19, or is emancipated, whichever occurs first.

The bill applies only to cases filed on or after the bill's October 1, 2001 effective date.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None. The bill would not substantively change State activities or operations. The Department of Human Resources could verify the secondary school enrollment status of individuals receiving support with existing resources.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Analysis**

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

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## **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** A similar bill was introduced as HB 312 in the 2000 session. It received an unfavorable report by the Judiciary Committee. Similar bills were also introduced as SB 242 in the 1999 session and SB 265 in the 1998 session. Both of these bills received unfavorable reports 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

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