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Assigned to: Judiciary

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Family Law - Child Support Enforcement - Definitions**

3 FOR the purpose of expanding the definition of earnings under certain provisions of
4 law relating to enforcement of child support obligations to include payments
5 made to an obligor working as an independent contractor; and generally relating
6 to civil and criminal enforcement of child support obligations.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article - Family Law
9 Section 10-101(c)
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
13 Article - Family Law
14 Section 10-101(d) and (g)
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

17 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
18 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

19 **Article - Family Law**

20 10-101.

21 (c) "Earnings" includes:

22 (1) any form of periodic payment to an individual, including:

23 (i) an annuity;

24 (ii) a pension;

25 (iii) Social Security payments;

- 1 (iv) workers' compensation payments; and
- 2 (v) unemployment insurance benefits; [and]
- 3 (2) any commissions or fees paid in connection with the obligor's
4 employment; AND
- 5 (3) ANY PAYMENTS TO AN OBLIGOR WORKING AS AN INDEPENDENT
6 CONTRACTOR.
- 7 (d) (1) "Employer" means any person who is paying earnings to an obligor.
- 8 (2) "Employer" includes a governmental entity.
- 9 (g) "Obligor" means an individual who is required to pay support under a
10 court order.

11 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take
12 effect October 1, 2002.