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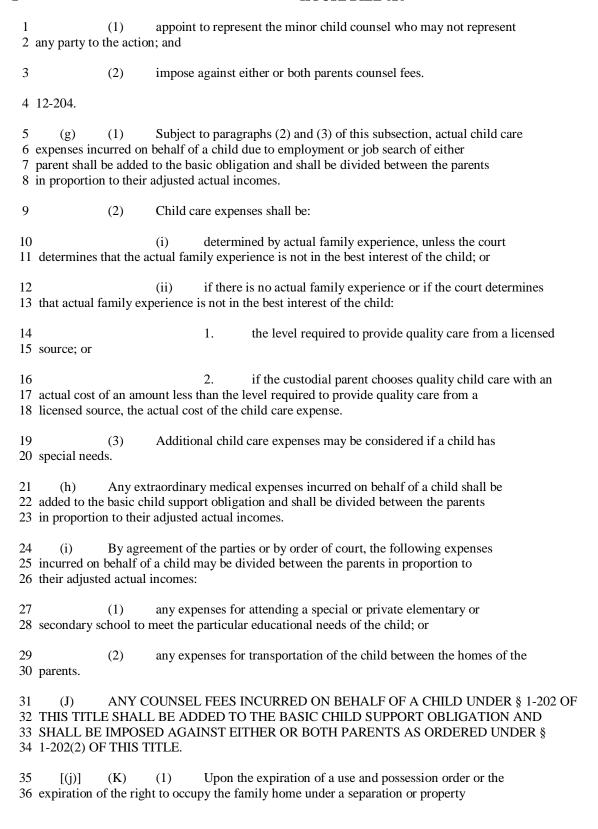
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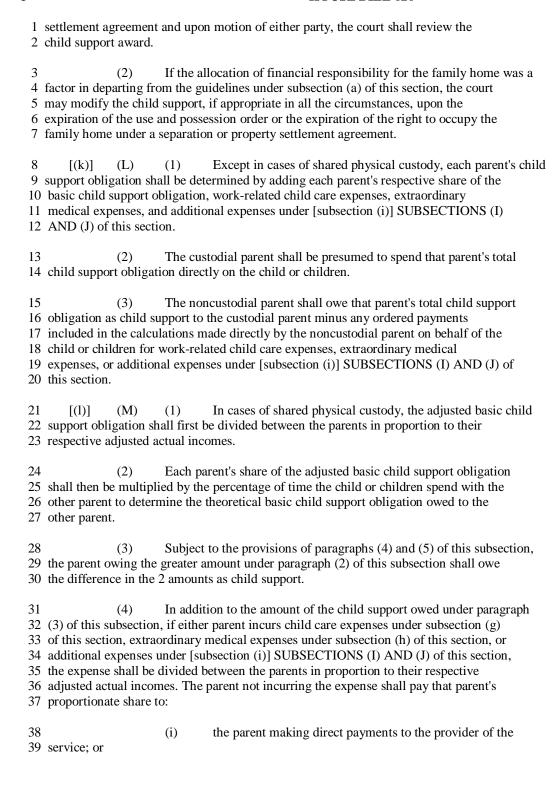
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2 Family Law - Child Support - Counsel Fees

- 3 FOR the purpose of providing that certain counsel fees incurred on behalf of a child
- 4 are added to the basic child support obligation and imposed on either or both
- 5 parents in a certain manner; making certain conforming changes; and generally
- 6 relating to child support and counsel fees.
- 7 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
- 8 Article Family Law
- 9 Section 1-202 and 12-204(g), (h), and (i)
- 10 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 11 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)
- 12 BY adding to
- 13 Article Family Law
- 14 Section 12-204(j)
- 15 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 16 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)
- 17 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
- 18 Article Family Law
- 19 Section 12-204(j), (k), and (l)
- 20 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 21 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)
- 22 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
- 23 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:
- 24 Article Family Law
- 25 1-202.
- In an action in which custody, visitation rights, or the amount of support of a
- 27 minor child is contested, the court may:

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- 1 (ii) the provider directly, if a court order requires direct payments 2 to the provider.
- 3 (5) The amount owed under paragraph (3) of this subsection may not 4 exceed the amount that would be owed under subsection [(k)] (L) of this section if the
- 5 obligor parent were a noncustodial parent.
- 6 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect 7 October 1, 2002.