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By: **Senator Lawlah**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Family Investment Program - Earned Income Disregard**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the amount of the earned income that will be disregarded
4 for the purposes of determining the amount of assistance an individual may
5 receive under the Family Investment Program; repealing certain provisions that
6 provide for a termination of a certain increase in the amount of earned income to
7 be disregarded under the Program; and generally relating to earned income
8 disregards under the Family Investment Program.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article 88A - Department of Human Resources
11 Section 49(d)
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (1998 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

14 BY repealing
15 Chapter 469 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1999
16 Section 4 and 5

17 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
18 Chapter 469 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1999
19 Section 6

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

22 **Article 88A - Department of Human Resources**

23 49.

24 (d) (1) For applicants to the Family Investment Program, the amount of
25 assistance shall be computed by counting no more than 4 weeks of earned income in
26 any month and disregarding 20% of that earned income.

1 (2) For eligible Family Investment Program recipients who obtain
2 unsubsidized employment, the amount of assistance shall be computed by counting no
3 more than 4 weeks of earned income in any month and disregarding [35%] 45% of
4 that earned income.

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Chapter 469 of the Acts of 1999

6 [SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Secretary of Human
7 Resources shall monitor federal legislative and regulatory action under the federal
8 Social Security Act and, if on or after July 1, 1999, amendments to the federal Social
9 Security Act or regulations adopted under the federal Social Security Act subject the
10 extended period of cash assistance resulting from this Act to federal time limits, the
11 Secretary of Human Resources shall certify this fact to the Joint Committee on
12 Welfare Reform of the General Assembly. On the date of certification, this Act shall be
13 null and void and of no force and effect. The Secretary of Human Resources shall
14 send a copy of the certification to the Department of Legislative Services.

15 SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, if the Secretary of
16 Human Resources determines that federal funding under the Temporary Assistance
17 to Needy Families Block Grant has declined to the extent that an increase in State
18 funds is necessary to fund this Act, the Secretary of Human Resources shall certify
19 this fact to the Joint Committee on Welfare Reform of the General Assembly. On the
20 date of the certification, this Act shall be null and void and of no force and effect. The
21 Secretary of Human Resources shall send a copy of the certification to the
22 Department of Legislative Services.]

23 SECTION 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
24 July 1, 1999. [It shall remain effective for a period of three years and, at the end of
25 June 30, 2002, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall
26 be abrogated and of no further force and effect.]

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