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By: **Senators Gladden and Giannetti**  
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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Uniform Transfers to Minors Act - Qualified Minor's Trust**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing a custodian for a minor under the Maryland Uniform  
4 Transfers to Minors Act to transfer certain custodial property to a qualified  
5 minor's trust without a court order; providing that the transfer of certain  
6 custodial property to a qualified minor's trust terminates the custodianship of  
7 that property to a certain extent; defining a certain term; and generally relating  
8 to transfers of custodial property to certain trusts.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
10 Article - Estates and Trusts  
11 Section 13-301(a)  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

14 BY adding to  
15 Article - Estates and Trusts  
16 Section 13-301(n)  
17 Annotated Code of Maryland  
18 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

19 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
20 Article - Estates and Trusts  
21 Section 13-301(n), (o), and (p) and 13-314  
22 Annotated Code of Maryland  
23 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

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

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**Article - Estates and Trusts**

2 13-301.

3 (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

4 (N) (1) "QUALIFIED MINOR'S TRUST" MEANS A TRUST:

5 (I) IN WHICH A MINOR IS THE SOLE BENEFICIARY DURING THE  
6 MINOR'S LIFETIME; AND7 (II) THAT MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF § 2503(C) OF THE  
8 INTERNAL REVENUE CODE AND THE REGULATIONS IMPLEMENTING THAT SECTION.9 (2) "QUALIFIED MINOR'S TRUST" INCLUDES A TRUST CREATED BY THE  
10 CUSTODIAN FOR THE USE AND BENEFIT OF THE MINOR.11 [(n)] (O) "State" includes any state of the United States, the District of  
12 Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and any territory or possession subject  
13 to the legislative authority of the United States.14 [(o)] (P) "Transfer" means a transaction that creates custodial property under  
15 § 13-309 of this subtitle.16 [(p)] (Q) "Transferor" means a person who makes a transfer under this  
17 subtitle.

18 13-314.

19 (a) (1) A custodian may deliver or pay to the minor or expend for the minor's  
20 benefit so much of the custodial property as the custodian considers advisable for the  
21 use and benefit of the minor, without court order and without regard to:22 [(1)] (I) The duty or ability of the custodian personally or of any other  
23 person to support the minor; or24 [(2)] (II) Any other income or property of the minor which may be  
25 applicable or available for that purpose.26 (2) (I) A CUSTODIAN MAY TRANSFER ALL OR PART OF THE CUSTODIAL  
27 PROPERTY TO A QUALIFIED MINOR'S TRUST WITHOUT A COURT ORDER.28 (II) A TRANSFER OF CUSTODIAL PROPERTY TO A QUALIFIED  
29 MINOR'S TRUST TERMINATES THE CUSTODIANSHIP OF THAT PROPERTY TO THE  
30 EXTENT OF THE TRANSFER.31 (b) On petition of an interested person or the minor if the minor has attained  
32 the age of 14 years, the court may order the custodian to deliver or pay to the minor  
33 or expend for the minor's benefit so much of the custodial property as the court  
34 considers advisable for the use and benefit of the minor.

1 (c) A delivery, payment, or expenditure under this section is in addition to, not  
2 in substitution for, and does not affect any obligation of a person to support the minor.

3 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
4 October 1, 2004.