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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Family Law - Divorce - Discussion of Postsecondary Education Expenses**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring a court to require the parties to an action for divorce in
4 which issues of child support are raised to discuss the postsecondary education
5 expenses of each child of the parties before the court may grant the divorce; and
6 generally relating to divorce and the discussion of postsecondary education
7 expenses.

8 BY adding to
9 Article - Family Law
10 Section 7-103.3
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2004 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

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

15 **Article - Family Law**

16 7-103.3.

17 (A) THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY TO AN ACTION FOR DIVORCE IN WHICH
18 ISSUES OF CHILD SUPPORT ARE RAISED.

19 (B) BEFORE GRANTING A DECREE OF DIVORCE, A COURT SHALL REQUIRE THE
20 PARTIES TO DISCUSS THE POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION EXPENSES OF EACH CHILD
21 OF THE PARTIES.

22 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take
23 effect October 1, 2006.