

HOUSE BILL 264

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HB 455/06 – JUD

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By: **Delegate Dumais**
Introduced and read first time: January 29, 2007
Assigned to: Judiciary

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Family Law – Child Support – Deviation from Child Support Guidelines**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing certain additional factors that a court is authorized to
4 consider when determining whether the application of the child support
5 guidelines would be unjust or inappropriate in a particular case; and generally
6 relating to the child support guidelines.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article – Family Law
9 Section 12–202(a)
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2006 Replacement Volume)

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

14 **Article – Family Law**

15 12–202.

16 (a) (1) Subject to the provisions of paragraph (2) of this subsection, in any
17 proceeding to establish or modify child support, whether pendente lite or permanent,
18 the court shall use the child support guidelines set forth in this subtitle.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



- 1 A. the amount of child support that would have been
- 2 required under the guidelines;

- 3 B. how the order varies from the guidelines;

- 4 C. how the finding serves the best interests of the child;
- 5 and

- 6 D. in cases in which items of value are conveyed instead
- 7 of a portion of the support presumed under the guidelines, the estimated value of the
- 8 items conveyed.

9 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect

10 October 1, 2007.