

SENATE BILL 223

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SB 504/06 – JPR

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By: **Senator Kittleman**
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Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Family Law – Motions for Modification of a Child Support Award – Hearings**
3 **and Decisions**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring a court to hold a hearing on a motion for modification of
5 a child support award within a certain time period after the date the motion
6 was filed; requiring a court to issue a decision on a motion for modification of a
7 child support award within a certain time period after a hearing; and generally
8 relating to motions for modification of a child support award.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article – Family Law
11 Section 12–104
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2006 Replacement Volume)

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

16 **Article – Family Law**

17 12–104.

18 (a) The court may modify a child support award subsequent to the filing of a
19 motion for modification and upon a showing of a material change of circumstance.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (b) The court may not retroactively modify a child support award prior to the
2 date of the filing of the motion for modification.

3 **(C) THE COURT SHALL HOLD A HEARING ON A MOTION FOR**
4 **MODIFICATION WITHIN 150 DAYS AFTER THE DATE THE MOTION WAS FILED.**

5 **(D) THE COURT SHALL ISSUE A DECISION ON A MOTION FOR**
6 **MODIFICATION WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER THE HEARING.**

7 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
8 October 1, 2007.