SENATE BILL 223

D4 SB 504/06 – JPR

By: Senator Kittleman

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

Family Law - Motions for Modification of a Child Support Award - Hearings and Decisions

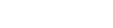
- FOR the purpose of requiring a court to hold a hearing on a motion for modification of
 a child support award within a certain time period after the date the motion
 was filed; requiring a court to issue a decision on a motion for modification of a
 child support award within a certain time period after a hearing; and generally
 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.

(a) The court may modify a child support award subsequent to the filing of a
 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.





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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.

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