

HOUSE BILL 779

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By: **Delegates Pena–Melnik, Barnes, Braveboy, Dumais, and Ivey**

Introduced and read first time: February 11, 2009

Assigned to: Judiciary

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Family Law – Child Support Enforcement – Criminal Contempt**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing a local support enforcement office attorney to exercise
4 certain powers and duties to prosecute an action for constructive criminal
5 contempt for failure to pay child support under a court order; and generally
6 relating to child support enforcement.

7 BY adding to

8 Article – Family Law

9 Section 10–116.1

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2006 Replacement Volume and 2008 Supplement)

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 **10–116.1.**

16 **A LOCAL SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT OFFICE ATTORNEY MAY EXERCISE THE**
17 **POWERS AND DUTIES OF A STATE’S ATTORNEY UNDER THIS SUBTITLE FOR THE**
18 **LIMITED PURPOSE OF PROSECUTING AN ACTION FOR CONSTRUCTIVE CRIMINAL**
19 **CONTEMPT, AS DESCRIBED IN THE MARYLAND RULES, FOR FAILURE TO PAY**
20 **CHILD SUPPORT UNDER A COURT ORDER.**

21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
22 October 1, 2009.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

