

HOUSE BILL 914

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By: **Delegates Barkley and Heller**

Introduced and read first time: February 12, 2009

Assigned to: Judiciary

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Family Law – Child Neglect – Maryland Student Assistance Program Referral**
3 **Recommendations**

4 FOR the purpose of providing that failure of a parent or guardian to comply and follow
5 up with the referral recommendations of the Maryland Student Assistance
6 Program constitutes neglect of a child; and generally relating to referral
7 recommendations of the Maryland Student Assistance Program.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article – Family Law
10 Section 5–701(s)
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2006 Replacement Volume and 2008 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 5–701.

17 (s) “Neglect” means the leaving of a child unattended or other failure to give
18 proper care and attention to a child, **INCLUDING FAILURE TO COMPLY AND**
19 **FOLLOW UP WITH THE REFERRAL RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE MARYLAND**
20 **STUDENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM ESTABLISHED BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT**
21 **OF EDUCATION**, by any parent or other person who has permanent or temporary care
22 or custody or responsibility for supervision of the child under circumstances that
23 indicate:

24 (1) that the child’s health or welfare is harmed or placed at
25 substantial risk of harm; or

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (2) mental injury to the child or a substantial risk of mental injury.

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