

# HOUSE BILL 1466

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By: **Chair, Appropriations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Human Resources)**

Introduced and read first time: March 2, 2009

Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Family Investment Program – Temporary Cash Assistance – Assignment of**  
3 **Support**

4 FOR the purpose of altering a condition of eligibility for temporary cash assistance by  
5 requiring applicants and recipients to assign certain support rights to the State  
6 for the period that the family receives temporary cash assistance; repealing a  
7 requirement that the assignment include any right accrued when the  
8 assignment is executed; and generally relating to temporary cash assistance.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
10 Article – Human Services  
11 Section 5–312(b)  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (2007 Volume and 2008 Supplement)

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

16 **Article – Human Services**

17 5–312.

18 (b) A local department shall provide temporary cash assistance to an  
19 applicant or recipient only if:

20 (1) the applicant or recipient meets the requirements for participation  
21 in the FIP set forth in § 5–308 of this subtitle;

22 (2) the applicant or recipient assigns to the State all right, title, and  
23 interest in support, **FOR THE PERIOD THAT THE FAMILY RECEIVES TEMPORARY**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **CASH ASSISTANCE**, from any other person that the applicant or recipient has on  
2 behalf of any intended or potential recipient for whom the applicant or recipient is  
3 applying for or receiving assistance[, including any right accrued when the assignment  
4 is executed]; and

5 (3) in the case of an applicant or recipient who is a minor parent, the  
6 applicant or recipient lives:

7 (i) with a parent, legal guardian, custodian, or other adult  
8 relative who will be the payee of the minor parent;

9 (ii) in an adult-supervised group living arrangement that  
10 provides a protective payee and:

11 1. there is no available parent, legal guardian,  
12 custodian, or other adult relative with whom the minor parent can live;

13 2. the minor parent or child would be subject to physical  
14 or emotional harm, sexual abuse, or neglect in the home of any available adult  
15 relative; or

16 3. a social service worker finds that living with any  
17 available adult relative would not be in the best interest of the minor parent or child;  
18 or

19 (iii) independently, if a social service worker confirms that the  
20 physical safety or emotional health of the minor parent or child would otherwise be in  
21 jeopardy.

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