

## CHAPTER 469

(House Bill 1466)

AN ACT concerning

### **Family Investment Program – Temporary Cash Assistance – Assignment of Support**

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

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

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

#### **Article – Human Services**

5–312.

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

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

(2) the applicant or recipient assigns to the State all right, title, and interest in support, **FOR THE PERIOD THAT THE FAMILY RECEIVES TEMPORARY CASH ASSISTANCE**, from any other person that the applicant or recipient has on behalf of any intended or potential recipient for whom the applicant or recipient is applying for or receiving assistance[, including any right accrued when the assignment is executed]; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Approved by the Governor, May 7, 2009.**