

# HOUSE BILL 259

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By: **Delegates Carter, Anderson, B. Robinson, and C. Wilson**  
Introduced and read first time: January 25, 2016  
Assigned to: Judiciary

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Family Law – Child Support – Custody and Visitation Determinations**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the court, in any case in which the court determines child  
4 support, to also consider custody and visitation of the child; requiring the Child  
5 Support Enforcement Administration to refer certain parties to the court for  
6 purposes of considering custody and visitation of the child under certain  
7 circumstances; and generally relating to child support and custody and visitation  
8 determinations.

9 BY adding to

10 Article – Family Law  
11 Section 9–109  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

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

16 **Article – Family Law**

17 **9–109.**

18 **(A) IN ANY CASE IN WHICH THE COURT DETERMINES CHILD SUPPORT**  
19 **UNDER TITLE 12 OF THIS ARTICLE, THE COURT SHALL ALSO CONSIDER CUSTODY**  
20 **AND VISITATION OF THE CHILD.**

21 **(B) IN ANY CASE IN WHICH THE CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT**  
22 **ADMINISTRATION ESTABLISHES A CHILD SUPPORT OBLIGATION UNDER TITLE 10 OF**  
23 **THIS ARTICLE, THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL REFER THE PARTIES TO THE COURT**  
24 **FOR PURPOSES OF CONSIDERING CUSTODY AND VISITATION OF THE CHILD.**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
2   October 1, 2016.