

HOUSE BILL 120

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(PRE-FILED)

By: **Delegate Taveras**

Requested: October 23, 2024

Introduced and read first time: January 8, 2025

Assigned to: Judiciary

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Family Law – Child Support – Capacity of Minors to File Action**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing a minor who is the legal and custodial parent of a child to
4 file an action for child support; and generally relating to child support.

5 BY adding to

6 Article – Family Law

7 Section 12–106

8 Annotated Code of Maryland

9 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

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

12 **Article – Family Law**

13 **12–106.**

14 **NOTWITHSTANDING MARYLAND RULE 2–202, A MINOR WHO IS THE LEGAL**
15 **AND CUSTODIAL PARENT OF A CHILD HAS THE CAPACITY AND RIGHT TO FILE AN**
16 **ACTION FOR CHILD SUPPORT, WHETHER PENDENTE LITE OR PERMANENTLY.**

17 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
18 October 1, 2025.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

