

HOUSE BILL 1126

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By: **Delegates Ruff, Addison, Amprey, Conaway, Crutchfield, Embry, Kaufman, R. Lewis, Mireku-North, Smith, Solomon, Wims, and Wolek**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Unemployment Insurance – Child Support Arrearage to Work Pilot Program –**
3 **Established**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing a Child Support Arrearage to Work Pilot Program within
5 the Department of Labor to connect individuals who are unemployed and in arrears
6 under a child support order with employment opportunities in the State; and
7 generally relating to the establishment of the Child Support Arrearage to Work Pilot
8 Program.

9 BY adding to

10 Article – Labor and Employment

11 Section 8–311.3

12 Annotated Code of Maryland

13 (2016 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

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

16 **Article – Labor and Employment**

17 **8–311.3.**

18 **(A) IN THIS SECTION, “PROGRAM” MEANS THE CHILD SUPPORT**
19 **ARREARAGE TO WORK PILOT PROGRAM.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 **(B) THERE IS A CHILD SUPPORT ARREARAGE TO WORK PILOT PROGRAM**
2 **IN THE DEPARTMENT.**

3 **(C) THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO CONNECT INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE**
4 **UNEMPLOYED AND IN ARREARS UNDER A CHILD SUPPORT ORDER WITH**
5 **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN THE STATE, INCLUDING EMPLOYMENT**
6 **OPPORTUNITIES IN STATE GOVERNMENT.**

7 **(D) THE DEPARTMENT, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF**
8 **HUMAN SERVICES AND THE DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT, SHALL:**

9 **(1) IMPLEMENT THE PROGRAM; AND**

10 **(2) ESTABLISH THE PROCEDURES AND SAFEGUARDS NECESSARY TO**
11 **SECURELY SHARE INFORMATION RELATED TO THE PROGRAM AND PARTICIPANTS IN**
12 **THE PROGRAM.**

13 **(E) THE DEPARTMENT MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THIS**
14 **SECTION.**

15 **(F) ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2026, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REPORT TO THE**
16 **GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT**
17 **ARTICLE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, ON THE DEPARTMENT'S FINDINGS AND ANY**
18 **RECOMMENDATIONS RELATED TO THE CONTINUATION OF THE PROGRAM.**

19 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
20 1, 2025. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of June 30, 2026, this
21 Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no
22 further force and effect.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.