

HOUSE BILL 1328

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HB 1032/18 – JUD

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By: **Delegates Dumais and Atterbeary**
Introduced and read first time: February 7, 2020
Assigned to: Judiciary

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Child Custody – Legal Decision Making and Parenting Time**

3 FOR the purpose of repealing references to the terms “child custody” and “visitation” in
4 certain instances and substituting the terms “legal decision making” and “parenting
5 time” in certain instances; authorizing the court, in determining certain legal
6 decision making authority and parenting time in certain child custody proceedings,
7 to consider certain factors; requiring the court to articulate certain findings of fact
8 on the record; authorizing the court to award joint legal decision making to both
9 parties under certain circumstances; prohibiting a party from unilaterally making
10 certain decisions concerning a child without agreement of the other party or order of
11 the court under certain circumstances; authorizing the court to modify a child
12 custody or visitation order or a legal decision making or parenting time order under
13 certain circumstances; specifying that a party’s proposal to relocate the residence of
14 the party or the child in a certain manner constitutes a material change in
15 circumstances for purposes of a modification of an order; specifying the purposes of
16 this Act; repealing certain provisions relating to the relevancy of a disability of a
17 party in a child custody or visitation proceeding; making certain clarifying and
18 conforming changes; defining certain terms; and generally relating to child custody,
19 visitation, legal decision making, and parenting time.

20 BY repealing
21 Article – Family Law
22 Section 5–203(d) and 9–107
23 Annotated Code of Maryland
24 (2019 Replacement Volume)

25 BY adding to
26 Article – Family Law
27 Section 9–101 and 9–103 to be under the amended subtitle “Subtitle 1. Definitions;
28 General Provisions” and the amended title “Title 9. Custodial Arrangements
29 for Children”; and 9–201 through 9–204 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



