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MARYLAND JUDICIAL COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

MEMORANDUM

TO: Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee
FROM: Legislative Committee
Suzanne D. Pelz, Esq., Staff
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RE: Senate Bill 1011
Family Law – Child Support – Multifamily Adjustment
DATE: February 14, 2024
(2/29)
POSITION: Support

The Maryland Judiciary supports Senate Bill 1011. This bill would amend the way a court determining child support would establish parental income when a parent has other children in the household who are not subjected to a child support order. It would create a “multifamily adjustment.”

This bill establishes a standard and balanced formula for courts to use in calculating an allowance for a parent’s support of other children to whom the parent owes a duty. It maintains the court’s discretion to deviate (or not) from the child support guidelines based on what is in a child’s best interest.

cc. Hon. Nick Charles
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