

The Real Dadvocate



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Senators Anthony Muse & Ron Watson
Judicial Proceeding Committee
422 Miller Senate Office Building
11 Bladen Street
Annapolis, MD 21401

Issue: Support for Senate Bills 0015 & 0106 - Child Support Suspension of Driver's License

The Real Dadvocate non-profit organization supports Senator Watson and Senator Muse's bills addressing inconsistencies in the formula used for deciding child support. These bills highlight the biased opinions that influence child support orders, which often position fathers as financial providers rather than co-parents. Judicial appointees, such as judges and magistrates, often show bias in their courtrooms, issuing orders drafted by law clerks that reinforce these prejudices.

The passing of Senate Bill 0015 and Senate Bill 0106 would be crucial in addressing inconsistencies within Maryland's family court system.

Department of Human Services Secretary Lopez has acknowledged that child support policies have evolved since their inception in 1975. However, social service workers of child protective agency workers and social workers have played a role in alienating fathers through their report findings, further exacerbating the issue.

The Orders from a judicial appointee make a father a child support payer rather than a co-parent, a sentiment that is echoed from the fathers we educate and empower on a regular basis.

Secretary Lopez also said in his letter dated January 14th that Senate Bill 0195 focuses on collecting child support payments from parents who can but are unwilling to pay. This assertion, however, is only partially true. Many fathers are willing to pay but face payment challenges due to inaccurate reporting about their presence and involvement. These inaccuracies often result in higher child support orders than necessary, as the formula used is based on flawed data. To rectify this, an extended investigation period is essential to address the misapplication of Title IV-D regulations which can be conducted during the extended investigation period, as well as adding an amendment that the investigation will not start until the father has made contact within 30 days of the decision

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to place him on a child support order.

The Real Dadvocate's Step-Up Dad Program is dedicated to helping fathers navigate the court system and petition the Office of Administrative Hearings because the Child Support

Administration is faulty in communicating with fathers. Through this initiative, fathers are encouraged to request an investigation into their cases, specifically questioning how they were believed to be absent parents despite their involvement. Participants also address the mistaken decisions made by judges, contributing to their misrepresentation as absentee parents. Fathers who participated in the Step-Up Dad Program have responded overwhelmingly positively. The program empowers them to advocate for themselves and seek investigations into their cases. Although they face time constraints, the program educates them on the importance of putting their concerns in writing, which helps them articulate their positions effectively. The Real Dad Advocate non-profit organization is still committed to supporting fathers and advocating for systemic changes to ensure fairness in the child support system. Here are emails about the support for Senate Bills 0015 & 0106.

Sincerely

The Real Dadvocate

Cc: File

Support Of Legislation Bills



Maurice Stevenson
to me ▾

Fri, Jan 17, 7:35 PM (3 days ago) ☆ 😊 ↶ ⋮

Good evening, this is Maurice Stevenson Jr, I watched the video posted by Winning Strategies and The Real Dadvocate Eric. I am for supporting Senate Bills SB 0015 & SB 0106. I am against House Bill HB 0152 based on information provided in the videos. I hope this helps with the voting next week and positive changes!



Winning Strategies <winningstrategies.fcc@gmail.com>
to Maurice ▾

Sat, Jan 18, 1:41 AM (2 days ago) ☆ 😊 ↶ ⋮

Thank you Maurice



Senate and house bills



cshaunabear@aol.com
to me ▾

Sun, Jan 19, 11:00 AM (15 hours ago) ☆ 😊 ↶ ⋮

Supporting Senate bill 0015 and 0106 voting against house bill 0152 cshaunabear@aol.com

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Supporting and Opposing Bills ➤ Inbox x

stpeter25@gmail.com

12:29 PM (3 hours ago)



to me ▾

Support SB 0015 & SB 0106 because I feel there needs to be an investigation on how and why child support is so much.

I Oppose HB 0152 because you are taking a parent's right away to voice how they believe custody should be for children.

I agree with you.

I signed the petition.

Good points.

Supporting and Opposing Bills ➤ Inbox x



Lambert P. Butler III

12:39 PM (3 hours ago)



to me ▾

Support SB 0015 & SB 0106 because I feel there needs to be an investigation on how and why child support is so much.

I oppose HB 0152 because you are taking a parents right away to voice how they believe custody should be for children

I agree with you.

I understand.

Good points.

Supporting the opposing Bill's ➤ Inbox x



Berni Peterson

12:41 PM (2 hours ago)



to me ▾

Support SB0015 and SB0106 because I feel there needs to be an investigation on how and why child support is so much !

I oppose HB0152 because you are taking a Parent's right away to voice on how they believe custody should be for children

I agree with you.

Good points.

I understand.

Supporting and opposing bills ➤ Inbox x



Stevie monie <newamericantattoo@gmail.com>

1:08 PM (2 hours ago)



to me ▾

I Support SB 0015 & SB 0106 because I feel there needs to be an investigation on how and why child support is so much.

I Oppose HB 0152 because you are taking a parent's right away to voice how they believe custody should be for children.

Thank you
Steven Vaughn

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cshaunabear@aol.com
to me ▾

3:11 PM (31 minutes ago) ☆ 😊 ↶ ⋮

Support SB 0015 and 0106 because I feel there needs to be an investigation on how and why child support is so much.

I Oppose HB 0152 because you are taking a parent's right away to voice how they believe custody should be handled.

