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Judicial Proceedings Committee  
Honorable William C. Smith Jr.  
2 East Miller Senate Office Building  
Annapolis, MD 21401

**Re: House Bill 1144: Child Support-Adjusted Actual Income- Definition**

Dear Chairman Smith and Members of the Committee:

House Bill 1144 seeks to correct a small discrepancy that was created with the child support “multi-family allowance”, enacted in 2025. Specifically, the calculation for the number of overnights defined between the “shared physical custody adjustment” and the “multi-family allowance” is inconsistent. Although minor, it creates unnecessary confusion.

- **§12-201(p) “Shared physical custody adjustment” states:**

*“Shared physical custody adjustment” means the adjustment made to a theoretical adjusted basic child support obligation in shared physical custody case when a parent keeps the child or children overnight **for more than 25% (at least 92 overnights)**, but less than 30% (not more than 109 overnights), of the year.*

- **Whereas §12-201(c)(iii) – “multi-family allowance” states:**

*(iii) an allowance for support for each child living in a parent’s home to whom the parent owes a legal duty of support if the child is considered to be spending **more than 92 overnights** in the parent’s home in a year and not subject to the support order.*

To eliminate any confusion, both sections should be consistent and mirror each other. In other words, **§12-201(c)(iii) should read as follows:**

*(iii) an allowance for support each child living in a parent's home to whom the parent owes a legal duty of support if the child **or children spend overnight for more than 25% (at least 92 overnights)** considered to be spending more than 92 overnights in the parent's home in a year and **are** not subject to the support order.*

I respectfully request a favorable report for House Bill 1144.

Sincerely,

Delegate Charlotte Crutchfield