

HOUSE BILL 259

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HB 1192/15 – HRU

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By: **Delegates Carter, Anderson, B. Robinson, and C. Wilson**

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Assigned to: Judiciary

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Family Law – Child Support – Custody and Visitation Determinations**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the court, in any case in which the court determines child
4 support, ~~to also consider if there is no court order awarding custody and visitation of~~
5 ~~the child, to advise the parties of certain resources available to assist them in~~
6 ~~establishing custody and visitation;~~ requiring the Child Support Enforcement
7 Administration to ~~refer~~ advise certain parties ~~to the court for purposes of considering~~
8 ~~of certain resources available to assist them in establishing custody and visitation of~~
9 ~~the child~~ under certain circumstances; and generally relating to child support and
10 custody and visitation determinations.

11 BY adding to
12 Article – Family Law
13 Section 9–109
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

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

18 **Article – Family Law**

19 **9–109.**

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 (A) IN ANY CASE IN WHICH THE COURT DETERMINES CHILD SUPPORT
 2 UNDER TITLE 12 OF THIS ARTICLE, ~~THE COURT SHALL ALSO CONSIDER~~ IF THERE IS
 3 NO COURT ORDER AWARDING CUSTODY AND VISITATION OF THE CHILD, THE COURT
 4 SHALL ADVISE THE PARTIES OF RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO ASSIST THEM IN
 5 ESTABLISHING CUSTODY AND VISITATION.

6 (B) IN ANY CASE IN WHICH THE CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT
 7 ADMINISTRATION ESTABLISHES A CHILD SUPPORT OBLIGATION UNDER TITLE 10 OF
 8 THIS ARTICLE, IF THERE IS NO COURT ORDER AWARDING CUSTODY AND VISITATION
 9 OF THE CHILD, THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL ~~REFER~~ ADVISE THE PARTIES TO THE
 10 COURT FOR PURPOSES OF CONSIDERING OF RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO ASSIST
 11 THEM IN ESTABLISHING CUSTODY AND VISITATION ~~OF THE CHILD.~~

12 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
 13 October 1, 2016.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.