

2025 Legislative Updates*

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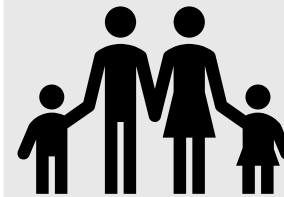
CSA's Departmental Bills: Child Support Modernization Omnibus Bills

SB195 & HB218



Strengthen Enforcement

- Contempt SOL
- Independent Contractors
- Expanded Lotto Offsets
- Admin. lien on P.I. awards
- Post-emancipation withholding roll-up



Enhance Services & Transparency

- Foster Care Limitations
- Mod. arrears repayments
- Limit DLS for low-income NCPs
- PLS clarification
- Multifamily Adjustment

Multifamily Adjustment: SB1038 & HB275

- Creates potential deduction from parents' actual income to account for hypothetical support owed to children living in said parent's home to whom the parent owes a duty of support
- Child must reside in parent's home at least 92 nights per year
- Amount based on the Basic CS Obligation (from GL Schedule), using only said parent's income, multiplied by 75%

	Parent 1	Parent 2	Combined
1. MONTHLY ACTUAL INCOME (Before taxes) (Code, Family Law Article, § 12-201(b))			
a. Minus preexisting child support payment actually paid	-	-	
b. Minus alimony actually paid	-	-	
c. Minus allowance for children living in home	-	-	
d. Plus/minus alimony awarded in this case	+/-	+/-	
2. MONTHLY ADJUSTED ACTUAL INCOME			

Driver's License Suspensions

- Extend period of noncompliance for noncommercial DL holders to 120 days
- Expand circumstances that would prohibit DLS
- Different methodologies

SB15 & HB681:

Low Income DLS Exemption

- CSA cannot seek DLS if the NCP's income does not exceed 250% of the federal poverty guidelines
 - Unless NCP determined to be voluntarily impoverished when most recent CS order issued
- Court must send CS Order and GL worksheet to CSA for all newly established orders



Image Source: Investopedia



SB106 & HB110: Judicial DLS



- Would have converted admin. DLS to judicial process
- As amended, keeps program administrative; but adds defenses:
 - Minor child resides with NCP
 - Impediment to transportation needs of child
 - Undue hardship on child, NCP, CP
 - NCP does not have ability to pay & making reasonable efforts toward employment

Amendments to Estates & Trusts Art.

SB110 & HB261

- Prioritizes payment of unpaid CS over other claims of a decedent
 - CS will be 6th in line
- **Goal:** increase CS collections



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SB286 & HB323

- Requires applicants for Registered Domestic Partnership to provide certain identifying information (DOB, SSN)
- **Goal:** increase potential for parentage data-matching and comply with spirit of 42 USC § 666(a)(13)



SB703 & HB881: TCA Pass-through

- Current CS pass-through for TCA recipients:
 - \$100/month for one child;
 - \$200/month for 2+ children
- As amended, would phase in a full pass-through between FY28 and FY31, passing through the greater of:
 - Existing pass-through rate; or
 - FY28: 25% of all CS collected
 - FY29: 50% of all CS collected
 - FY30: 75% of all CS collected
- FY31: full pass-through



**Temporary
Assistance
for Needy
Families (TANF)**

CS Bills Unlikely to Pass in 2025

SB660: Creating a presumption that application of CS GL would be unjust or inappropriate if parents mutually assert that a settlement agreement is in child's best interest. *Houser v. Houser*, 262 Md. App. 473 (2024), cert granted 489 Md. 244 (argued March 3, 2025).

HB120: Permitting a minor custodial parent to file for CS

HB149: Creating a tax deduction for any CS payments made in accordance with a CS order

HB359: Requiring parties in PG Co. to pay \$10 fee when filing to establish, modify, or judicially enforce a CS order (supporting HS childcare centers)

HB1126: Establishing a Child Support Arrearage to Work Pilot Program within the Department of Labor



Most Important Slide



SB159: designating the American Persimmon as the State Fruit



HB802: designating the Purple Pitcher Plant as the State Carnivorous Plant



SB764/HB411: designating Chromite as the State Mineral



HB1001: designating the Original Maryland Orange Crush as the State Cocktail

Happy Sine Die!

