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A BILL ENTITLED

Public Assistance - Family Investment Program - Child Support Pass Through

- 1 AN ACT concerning
- FOR the purpose of requiring that a certain amount of child support received in a month pass through to a family seeking assistance under the Family Investment Program
- and prohibiting the consideration of that child support in computing the amount of
- 6 assistance received; and generally relating to the Family Investment Program.
- 7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
- 8 Article Human Services
- 9 Section 5–310(a)
- 10 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 11 (2007 Volume and 2016 Supplement)
- 12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
- 13 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:
- 14 Article Human Services
- 15 5–310.

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- 16 (a) (1) For applicants to the FIP, the amount of assistance shall be computed
- by counting no more than 4 weeks of earned income in any month and disregarding 20% of
- 18 that earned income.
- 19 (2) The first \$100 of child support collected in a month for
- 20 ONE CHILD AND THE FIRST \$200 OF CHILD SUPPORT COLLECTED IN A MONTH FOR
- 21 TWO OR MORE CHILDREN SHALL PASS THROUGH TO THE FAMILY AND SHALL BE
- 22 DISREGARDED IN COMPUTING THE AMOUNT OF ASSISTANCE.

- 1 (3) For eligible recipients who obtain unsubsidized employment, the 2 amount of assistance shall be computed by counting no more than 4 weeks of earned income 3 in any month and disregarding 40% of that earned income.
- SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect 5 October 1, 2017.