

tated Code of Maryland (1947 Supplement), title "Courts," sub-title "Juvenile Causes," as enacted by Chapter 797 of the Acts of 1945, clarifying the responsibility of parents who may be ordered to pay for support of a child.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 251 of Article 4 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland and Baltimore City Charter (1949 Edition), title "Courts," sub-title "Juvenile Causes," as enacted by Chapter 818 of the Acts of 1943, be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

251. Whenever the State Department of Public Welfare, or the Judge, under Section 249, places a child in the custody of someone other than the child's parents or in the custody of an agency or institution, the Judge may, [upon application,] after giving the parent or *parents* a reasonable opportunity to be heard, order that such parent or *parents* shall pay in such manner as the court may direct, such sum as will cover in whole or in part the support of such child and if such parent or *parents* shall wilfully fail or refuse to pay such sum, the Judge may proceed against [him] *such parent or parents* as for contempt.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That Section 48L of Article 26 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1947 Supplement), title "Courts," sub-title "Juvenile Causes," as enacted by Chapter 797 of the Acts of 1945, be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

48L. Whenever the Judge, under Section 48K, places a child in the custody of *its parents, or either of them, or in the custody of* someone other than the child's parents or in the custody of an agency or institution, the Judge may, after giving the parent or *parents* a reasonable opportunity to be heard, order that such parent or *parents* shall pay in such manner as the court may direct, such sum as will cover in whole or in part the support of such child and if such parent or *parents* shall wilfully fail or refuse to pay such sum, the Judge may proceed against [him] *such parent or parents* as for contempt.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1951.

Approved May 7, 1951.