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The Court may direct that the payments of the sums provided for by the order shall be made to the mother or to such person as the Court may deem proper, but if the child is or is likely to become a public charge on a county or city of this State, the Court may direct such sums to be paid to the welfare official of such county or city for the support and maintenance of the child.

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(a) The order of Court directing payments for the support and maintenance of the child or with respect to any other matter are enforceable in the same manner and to the same extent as other orders of the equity courts of this State, including, but not limited to, citation and imprisonment for contempt. THE PERSON FAILING TO MAKE SUPPORT PAYMENTS AS ORDERED SHALL BE SERVED WITH AN ORDER DIRECTING HIM TO SHOW CAUSE ON A SPECIFIED DATE WHY HE SHOULD NOT BE HELD IN CONTEMPT. SHOULD HE FAIL TO APPEAR IN RESPONSE TO A NOTICE SERVED UPON HIM OR PROVE UNAVAILABLE FOR SERVICE, THE COURT SHALL ISSUE ITS WARRANT FOR THE PERSON'S APPREHENSION AND ARREST IN THE MANNER PROVIDED IN SECTION 66E (C) OF THIS SUBTITLE. IF THE COURT SHALL FIND THAT THE PERSON CITED HAS FAILED TO COMPLY WITH THE SUPPORT ORDER WHILE POSSESSING THE MEANS TO HAVE DONE SO, THE COURT SHALL FIND THE PERSON GUILTY OF CIVIL CONTEMPT AND MAY COMMIT HIM TO JAIL OR ANY OTHER INSTITUTION OF PENAL CONFINEMENT IN THIS STATE UNTIL HE SHALL COMPLY WITH THE SUPPORT ORDER OR OTHERWISE PURGE HIMSELF OF HIS CONTEMPT.

(b) The Court may prescribe by its order that the father and mother of said child, or either of them give bond in such form and in such penalty, as the Court may direct, with or without securities, conditioned upon the performance of all provisions of the order and any subsequent modifications thereof, that the father and/or the mother of said child shall not leave the State of Maryland without permission of the Court or change address within the State without giving proper notice to a probation officer or other person designated by the Court.

(c) If the father dies after the passage of an order declaring him to be the father of said child and/or requiring him to make payments for the support and maintenance of the child, the Court, upon the suggestion of the death of the father, may summon the personal representative and heirs of the father, the sureties upon his bond, if any, and the mother or other person having charge of said child. Upon proof being offered to the Court of the amount of the estate of the decedent, the Court may direct and order such sum or sums to be paid to the mother or to such person or welfare official as the Court deems proper for the support and maintenance of the child out of the decedent's estate. In no case, however, may the Court order the payment of a sum in excess of one-half the amount that each of the decedent's legitimate children, if any, would receive, or more than one-half the amount the descendants, if any, of a deceased legitimate child would receive as a class, if the