

FOR the purpose of altering the eligibility requirements for child support services provided by the Office of Support Enforcement; and providing for a delayed effective date for this Act.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 88A - Social Services Administration
Section 59(c)(2)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1979 Replacement Volume and 1982 Supplement)

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

Article 88A - Social Services Administration

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(c) (2) In accordance with paragraph (1) of this subsection; Article 16, § 66C; and Article 89C, §§ 14(b), 18(a), and 33A, the bureau or a person whom the bureau approves for child support services shall be represented during any fiscal year by the State's attorney for the local subdivision in which the bill or the petition is filed if, before September 1 of the previous year, the State's attorney elects in writing to assume the responsibility for representation. The State's attorney shall enter into an agreement with the county and the Secretary of Human Resources for representation to be provided and reimbursement for the representation. The agreement shall establish reasonable administrative and fiscal requirements and conditions for providing and continuing representation and for reimbursement. The bureau shall approve for child support services all persons entitled to child support who cannot afford private counsel [and who are at or below 50 percent of the median family income for the State of Maryland as certified annually by the United States Department of Health and Human Services], provided that those persons make application and payment of fees for services as prescribed by the bureau.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, ~~1983~~ 1984.

Approved May 31, 1983.

CHAPTER 643

(House Bill 1148)

AN ACT concerning