

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2006, and shall be applicable to all taxable years beginning after June 30, ~~2005~~ 2006.

Approved May 2, 2006.

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**CHAPTER 326**

**(House Bill 453)**

AN ACT concerning

**Child Support – Settlement of Arrearages – Best Interest of the Child**

FOR the purpose of establishing that the authority of the Child Support Enforcement Administration to settle child support arrearages under certain circumstances is subject to the best interest of the child; and generally relating to child support.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Family Law

Section 10–112

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2004 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

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

**Article – Family Law**

10–112.

(a) (1) **[If]** SUBJECT TO THE BEST INTEREST OF THE CHILD, IF the Administration considers it to be in the best interest of this State in a case in which an assignment has been made under Article 88A, § 50(b)(2) of the Code, the Administration may accept in full settlement of an arrearage in child support payments an amount that is less than the total arrearage.

(2) On request of the Administration, a court may approve by order an amount that is less than the total arrearage as full settlement of the arrearage.

(b) (1) In a case in which an assignment has been made under Article 88A, § 50(b)(2) of the Code, there is a presumption that it is in the best interest of this State for the Administration to accept in full settlement of an arrearage in child support payments an amount that is less than the total arrearage if:

(i) the obligor, the individual who has made an assignment under Article 88A, § 50(b)(2) of the Code, and the child who is the subject of the support order have resided together for at least the 12 months immediately preceding a request for settlement under this section;