

(A) AUTHORITY OF COURT.

BEFORE TRIAL AND WITH THE WRITTEN CONSENT OF THE ACCUSED INDIVIDUAL, OR ON CONVICTION OF THE INDIVIDUAL UNDER § 10-201 OF THIS SUBTITLE, INSTEAD OF OR IN ADDITION TO IMPOSING A PENALTY UNDER § 10-201 OF THIS SUBTITLE, THE COURT MAY:

(1) ORDER THE INDIVIDUAL TO PAY SPOUSAL SUPPORT PERIODICALLY IN A CERTAIN AMOUNT FOR 3 YEARS; AND

(2) PLACE THE INDIVIDUAL ON PROBATION ON THE INDIVIDUAL'S ENTERING INTO A RECOGNIZANCE.

(B) DETERMINATION OF AMOUNT.

IN PASSING THE ORDER, THE COURT SHALL CONSIDER THE FINANCIAL CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE ACCUSED INDIVIDUAL.

(C) RECIPIENT.

THE ACCUSED INDIVIDUAL SHALL MAKE THE PAYMENTS TO THE SPOUSE DIRECTLY OR THROUGH THE APPROPRIATE SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT AGENCY.

(D) MODIFICATION.

THE COURT MAY MODIFY THE ORDER AS CIRCUMSTANCES REQUIRE.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from the second clause of the third sentence of former Article 27, § 88(a).

In subsection (a) of this section, the reference to "written" consent is added to conform to practice. See also § 10-215(b) of this subtitle as to the requirement of a written consent in Baltimore City.

In subsection (a)(1) of this section, the word "periodically" is substituted for the former word "weekly" to conform to practice. This revision is called to the attention of the General Assembly.

In subsection (c) of this section, "through the appropriate support enforcement agency" is new language added to conform to practice.

Defined term: "Support" § 1-101

10-203. NONSUPPORT OF AND DESERTING MINOR CHILD PROHIBITED; PENALTIES.

(A) FAILING TO SUPPORT MINOR CHILD.

A PARENT MAY NOT WILLFULLY FAIL TO PROVIDE FOR THE SUPPORT OF HIS OR HER MINOR CHILD.