

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

Article - Family Law

SUBTITLE 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

12-101.

The court may award child support for a period from the filing of the pleading that requests child support.

SUBTITLE 2. CHILD SUPPORT GUIDELINES

~~2-201~~ 12-201.

(A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(B) "INCOME" MEANS:

(1) ACTUAL GROSS INCOME OF A PARENT, IF THE PARENT IS EMPLOYED TO FULL CAPACITY; OR

(2) POTENTIAL INCOME OF A PARENT, IF THE PARENT IS UNEMPLOYED-OR-UNDEREMPLOYED VOLUNTARILY IMPOVERISHED.

(C) (1) " GROSS ACTUAL INCOME" MEANS INCOME FROM ANY SOURCE.

(2) FOR INCOME FROM SELF-EMPLOYMENT, RENT, ROYALTIES, PROPRIETORSHIP OF A BUSINESS, OR JOINT OWNERSHIP OF A PARTNERSHIP OR CLOSELY HELD CORPORATION, "GROSS ACTUAL INCOME" MEANS GROSS RECEIPTS MINUS ORDINARY AND NECESSARY EXPENSES REQUIRED TO PRODUCE INCOME.

(3) " GROSS ACTUAL INCOME" INCLUDES:

(I) SALARIES;

(II) WAGES;

(III) COMMISSIONS;

(IV) BONUSES;

(V) DIVIDEND INCOME;

~~(VI)~~--SEVERANCE-PAY;

~~(VII)~~ (VI) PENSION INCOME;

~~(VIII)~~ (VII) INTEREST INCOME;