

(VI) ONE INDIVIDUAL WHO IS A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DEPARTMENT, APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR; AND

(V) (VI) (VII) FOUR FIVE MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC, REPRESENTATIVE OF DIFFERENT GEOGRAPHIC AREAS OF THE STATE, APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR.

(F) (W) (Y) THE SECRETARY SHALL ADOPT ANY REGULATIONS NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.

**Article - Family Law**

5-203.

- (a) (1) The parents are the joint natural guardians of their minor child.
- (2) A parent is the sole natural guardian of the minor child if the other parent:
- (i) dies;
  - (ii) abandons the family; or
  - (iii) is incapable of acting as a parent.
- (b) The parents of a minor child:
- (1) are jointly and severally responsible for the child's support, care, nurture, welfare, and education; and
  - (2) have the same powers and duties in relation to the child.
- (C) IF A PARENT ONE OR BOTH PARENTS OF A AN UNEMANCIPATED MINOR CHILD IS A MINOR, THE PARENTS OF THAT MINOR PARENT ARE JOINTLY AND SEVERALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY CHILD SUPPORT FOR A GRANDCHILD THAT IS A RECIPIENT OF AID TO FAMILIES WITH DEPENDENT CHILDREN TO THE EXTENT THAT THE MINOR PARENT HAS INSUFFICIENT FINANCIAL RESOURCES TO FULFILL THE CHILD SUPPORT RESPONSIBILITY OF THE MINOR PARENT.
- [(c)](D) (1) If the parents live apart, a court may award custody of a minor child to either parent or joint custody to both parents.
- (2) Neither parent is presumed to have any right to custody that is superior to the right of the other parent.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

**Article - Family Law**

10-101.

(B) "ADMINISTRATION" MEANS THE CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES.