

[10-346.] 10-357.

This subtitle shall be applied and construed to effectuate its general purpose to make uniform the law with respect to the subject of this subtitle among states enacting it.

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If any provision of this subtitle or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of this subtitle which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this subtitle are severable.

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This subtitle may be cited as the Maryland Uniform Interstate Family Support Act. 12-101.

(a) (1) Unless the court finds from the evidence that the amount of the award will produce an inequitable result, for an initial pleading that requests child support pendente lite, the court shall award child support for a period from the filing of the pleading that requests child support.

(2) Notwithstanding paragraph (1) of this subsection, unless the court finds from the evidence that the amount of the award will produce an inequitable result, for an initial pleading filed by a child support agency that requests child support, the court shall award child support for a period from the filing of the pleading that requests child support.

(3) For any other pleading that requests child support, the court may award child support for a period from the filing of the pleading that requests child support.

(b) The court shall give credit for payments that the court finds have been made during the period beginning from the filing of the pleading that requests child support.

(C) ANY SUPPORT ORDER OR MODIFICATION OF A SUPPORT ORDER THAT IS PASSED ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 1997 SHALL INCLUDE A STATEMENT THAT:

(1) EACH PARTY IS REQUIRED TO NOTIFY THE COURT AND ANY SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT AGENCY ORDERED TO RECEIVE PAYMENTS, WITHIN 10 DAYS OF ANY CHANGE OF ADDRESS OR EMPLOYMENT; AND

(2) FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION MAY RESULT IN A PARTY NOT RECEIVING NOTICE OF THE INITIATION OF A PROCEEDING TO MODIFY OR ENFORCE A SUPPORT ORDER.

[(c)](D) (1) The court may order either parent to pay all or part of:

[(1)](I) the mother's medical and hospital expenses for pregnancy, confinement, and recovery; and

[(2)](II) medical support for the child, including neonatal expenses.