

Article - Family Law

Section 5-1011 and 10-115

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1991 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

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

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5-1011.

(a) [If the complainant is the Administration, or a person approved for child support services by the Administration, the complainant shall be represented by:

(1) the Attorney General;

(2) the State's Attorney, if the State's Attorney has assumed the responsibility for representation under Title 10, Subtitle 1 of this article; or

(3) a qualified lawyer representing the Administration who is appointed by and subject to supervision and removal by the Attorney General.]

(1) THE ADMINISTRATION MAY BE THE COMPLAINANT IN ANY PROCEEDING UNDER THIS SUBTITLE IN WHICH THE ADMINISTRATION IS PROVIDING CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES UNDER FEDERAL LAW.

(2) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL BE REPRESENTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 10-115 OF THIS ARTICLE.

(b) For purposes of providing legal representation in a paternity proceeding under this section, the Administration may approve child support services for a person who resides out-of-state.

(c) A complainant under this section is not required to prepay court costs.

(d) If the Attorney General or a qualified lawyer appointed by the Attorney General represents the complainant under [this section] § 10-115 OF THIS ARTICLE, the Attorney General or the lawyer has the powers granted to the State's Attorney under §§ 5-1016, 5-1019, 5-1020, and 5-1021 of this subtitle.

10-115.

(a) In this section, "legal proceeding" means:

(1) a civil action for child support;

(2) a paternity proceeding under Title 5, Subtitle 10 of this article; and

(3) a proceeding under Subtitle 3 of this title.