

- (1) SUIT MONEY;
- (2) COUNSEL FEES; AND
- (3) COSTS.

(B) AT ANY POINT IN A PROCEEDING UNDER THIS SUBTITLE, THE COURT MAY ORDER EITHER PARTY TO PAY TO THE OTHER PARTY AN AMOUNT FOR THE REASONABLE AND NECESSARY EXPENSE OF PROSECUTING OR DEFENDING THE PROCEEDING.

(C) BEFORE ORDERING THE PAYMENT, THE COURT SHALL CONSIDER:

- (1) THE FINANCIAL RESOURCES AND FINANCIAL NEEDS OF BOTH PARTIES; AND
- (2) WHETHER THERE WAS SUBSTANTIAL JUSTIFICATION FOR PROSECUTING OR DEFENDING THE PROCEEDING.

(D) UPON A FINDING BY THE COURT THAT THERE WAS AN ABSENCE OF SUBSTANTIAL JUSTIFICATION OF A PARTY FOR PROSECUTING OR DEFENDING THE PROCEEDING, AND ABSENT A FINDING BY THE COURT OF GOOD CAUSE TO THE CONTRARY, THE COURT SHALL AWARD TO THE OTHER PARTY THE REASONABLE AND NECESSARY EXPENSE OF PROSECUTING OR DEFENDING THE PROCEEDING.

(E) THE COURT MAY AWARD REIMBURSEMENT FOR ANY REASONABLE AND NECESSARY EXPENSE THAT HAS PREVIOUSLY BEEN PAID.

(F) AS TO ANY AMOUNT AWARDED FOR COUNSEL FEES, THE COURT MAY:

- (1) ORDER THAT THE AMOUNT AWARDED BE PAID DIRECTLY TO THE LAWYER; AND
- (2) ENTER JUDGMENT IN FAVOR OF THE LAWYER.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall apply only to cases filed on or after the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1999.

May 26, 1999

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miler, Jr.
President of the Senate of Maryland
State House
Annapolis MD 21401-1991

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I today vetoed Senate Bill 423 - Critical Skills Training - Income Tax Credit for Individuals.

Senate Bill 423 creates an income tax credit of up to \$1,500 for tuition and related