

(3) STUDY THE IMPACT OF THIS DECLINE ON THE FUTURE OF THE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY WORKFORCE IN MARYLAND;

(4) CREATE AWARENESS THROUGHOUT THE STATE ON THE ISSUE OF WOMEN AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND THE FINDINGS OF THIS TASK FORCE;

(5) IDENTIFY AND EXAMINE EXISTING PROGRAMS AND SERVICES, LAWS, AND REGULATIONS WITH RESPECT TO IDENTIFYING PRACTICES THAT BEST ADDRESS THE ISSUE IN EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT;

(6) INVESTIGATE STRATEGIES TO ADDRESS THE CHALLENGES THAT WILL BETTER MEET THE STATE'S WORKFORCE DEMANDS IN ALL CAREER AREAS WHERE TECHNOLOGY IS USED;

(7) DEVELOP A STATEWIDE COMPREHENSIVE WOMEN AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PLAN AND STRATEGIES FOR PLAN IMPLEMENTATION AND PUBLIC PROMOTION OF THE PLAN; AND

(8) FACILITATE COORDINATION AND COMMUNICATION AMONG STATE AND LOCAL AGENCIES AND ORGANIZATIONS REGARDING ACHIEVING THE GOALS OF THE PLAN.

(K) THE TASK FORCE SHALL PRESENT AN ANNUAL REPORT ON ITS FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 1 OF EACH YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2004.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2004. It shall remain effective for a period of 5 years and, at the end of June 30, 2009, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Approved May 26, 2004.

CHAPTER 491

(Senate Bill 928)

AN ACT concerning

Family Law - Child Support Guidelines - Third Party Payments

FOR the purpose of altering the definition of "actual income" under the child support guidelines to include certain third party payments to or for a minor child; requiring certain third party payments to or for a child to be set off against the child support obligation under the guidelines; requiring certain third party payments to or for a child that exceed the current child support obligation to be credited toward existing child support arrearage; providing that the revision of the guidelines may be grounds for requesting a modification of a child support