

award under certain circumstances; and generally relating to child support guidelines.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article – Family Law  
Section 12-201, 12-202(b), and 12-204(j) through (m)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1999 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

BY adding to  
Article – Family Law  
Section 12-204(j)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1999 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

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

**Article – Family Law**

12-201.

(a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

(b) “Income” means:

- (1) actual income of a parent, if the parent is employed to full capacity; or
- (2) potential income of a parent, if the parent is voluntarily impoverished.

(c) (1) “Actual income” means income from any source.

(2) For income from self-employment, rent, royalties, proprietorship of a business, or joint ownership of a partnership or closely held corporation, “actual income” means gross receipts minus ordinary and necessary expenses required to produce income.

(3) “Actual income” includes:

- (i) salaries;
- (ii) wages;
- (iii) commissions;
- (iv) bonuses;
- (v) dividend income;
- (vi) pension income;
- (vii) interest income;