

**House Bill No. 604**

AN ACT concerning

**Family Law - Child Support Guidelines**

FOR the purpose of revising the schedule of basic child support obligations used to calculate the amount of a child support award under the child support guidelines; clarifying that revision of the child support guidelines may not be grounds for a certain modification request except under certain circumstances; and generally relating to the child support guidelines.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Family Law

Section 12-202(b) and 12-204(e)

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**

12-202.

(b) (1) Subject to the provisions of paragraph (2) of this subsection, the adoption OR REVISION of the guidelines set forth in this subtitle may be grounds for requesting a modification of a child support award based on a material change in circumstances.

(2) The adoption OR REVISION of the guidelines set forth in this subtitle may not be grounds for requesting a modification of a child support award based on a material change in circumstances unless the use of the guidelines would result in a change in the award of 25% or more.

12-204.

(e) Schedule of basic child support obligations:

Combined Adjusted Actual Income	1 Child	2 Children	3 Children	4 Children	5 Children	6 or More Children
[100						
200						
300						
400						
500						
600	85	86	87	87	88	89

\$20 - \$50 Per Month, Based  
On Resources And Living  
Expenses Of Obligor And Number  
Of Children Due Support