

HOUSE BILL 667

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By: **Chair, Judiciary Committee (By Request – Departmental – Human Services)**

Introduced and read first time: January 29, 2020

Assigned to: Judiciary

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Child Support – Annual Collection Fee**

3 FOR the purpose of conforming the maximum amount of a certain annual fee for the
4 collection of child support by the Child Support Administration to the amount
5 authorized under a certain federal law; and generally relating to child support
6 collection fees.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article – Family Law
9 Section 10–110
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2019 Replacement Volume)

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

14 **Article – Family Law**

15 10–110.

16 (a) The Administration may:

17 (1) charge an initial application fee of not more than \$ 25 for support
18 services;

19 (2) deduct from the child support payment to defray the cost of providing
20 support enforcement services under:

21 (i) the Income Tax Refund Intercept Program under this subtitle;
22 and

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



(ii) the Federal Treasury Offset Program;

(3) collect fees from the obligor to defray the costs of providing support enforcement services; and

(4) deduct from child support payments an annual collection fee [of \$ 25] **IN AN AMOUNT NOT EXCEEDING THE AMOUNT AUTHORIZED UNDER 42 U.S.C. § 654(6)(B)(II)** for cases in which the family never received temporary cash assistance and has received at least \$ 3,500 in child support payments during the federal fiscal year.

(b) Except as provided in subsection (a) of this section, the Administration may not:

(1) collect fees from the child support obligee; or

(2) deduct fees from the child support payment.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2020.