

SENATE BILL 665

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By: **Senators Lee and Carozza**

Introduced and read first time: February 3, 2020

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Family Law – Custody Evaluator – Information to Parties**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring a court to provide to the parties in a certain action certain
4 information regarding a custody evaluator in the jurisdiction; defining a certain
5 term; and generally relating to actions in which child support, custody, or visitation
6 is at issue.

7 BY adding to
8 Article – Family Law
9 Section 1–204
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 **1–204.**

16 **(A) IN THIS SECTION, “CUSTODY EVALUATOR” HAS THE MEANING STATED**
17 **IN MARYLAND RULE 9–205.3(B).**

18 **(B) IN ANY ACTION IN WHICH CHILD SUPPORT, CUSTODY, OR VISITATION IS**
19 **AT ISSUE, A COURT SHALL PROVIDE INFORMATION TO THE PARTIES REGARDING THE**
20 **ROLE, AVAILABILITY, AND COST OF A CUSTODY EVALUATOR IN THE JURISDICTION.**

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

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

