

Chapter 291

(House Bill 667)

AN ACT concerning

Child Support – Annual Collection Fee

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

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Family Law

Section 10–110

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2019 Replacement Volume)

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

Article – Family Law

10–110.

(a) The Administration may:

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

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

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

(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.

Enacted under Article II, § 17(c) of the Maryland Constitution, May 8, 2020.