

HOUSE BILL 912

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CF SB 638

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Child Tax Credit**

3 FOR the purpose of allowing certain taxpayers to claim a credit against the State income
4 tax for certain dependent children under certain circumstances; establishing the
5 credit amount for each qualified child, subject to certain limitations; allowing certain
6 taxpayers to claim a refund in the amount of any excess credit; defining certain
7 terms; providing for the application and termination of this Act; and generally
8 relating to a credit against the State income tax for certain dependent children.

9 BY adding to

10 Article – Tax – General

11 Section 10–751

12 Annotated Code of Maryland

13 (2016 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

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

16 **Article – Tax – General**

17 **10–751.**

18 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS
19 INDICATED.

20 (2) “QUALIFIED CHILD” MEANS A DEPENDENT OF A TAXPAYER, IF THE

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **DEPENDENT:**

2 (I) IS A DEPENDENT FOR PURPOSES OF § 152 OF THE INTERNAL
3 REVENUE CODE; AND

4 (II) 1. IS UNDER THE AGE OF 6 YEARS; OR

5 2. A. IS UNDER THE AGE OF 17 YEARS; AND

6 B. IS A CHILD WITH A DISABILITY, AS DEFINED UNDER §
7 8-401 OF THE EDUCATION ARTICLE.

8 (3) "TAXPAYER" MEANS:

9 (I) AN INDIVIDUAL; OR

10 (II) A MARRIED COUPLE FILING A JOINT RETURN.

11 (B) A TAXPAYER WHO HAS FEDERAL ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME FOR THE
12 TAXABLE YEAR OF \$6,000 OR LESS MAY CLAIM A CREDIT AGAINST THE STATE
13 INCOME TAX FOR EACH QUALIFIED CHILD IN AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO \$500.

14 (C) THE AMOUNT OF THE CREDIT ALLOWED UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF
15 THIS SECTION FOR A QUALIFIED CHILD SHALL BE REDUCED, BUT NOT BELOW ZERO,
16 BY THE AMOUNT OF ANY FEDERAL CHILD TAX CREDIT CLAIMED AGAINST THE
17 FEDERAL INCOME TAX FOR THE QUALIFIED CHILD UNDER § 24 OF THE INTERNAL
18 REVENUE CODE.

19 (D) IF THE CREDIT ALLOWED UNDER THIS SECTION IN ANY TAXABLE YEAR
20 EXCEEDS THE STATE INCOME TAX FOR THAT TAXABLE YEAR, THE TAXPAYER MAY
21 CLAIM A REFUND IN THE AMOUNT OF THE EXCESS.

22 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
23 1, 2020, and shall be applicable to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2019, but
24 before January 1, 2025. It shall remain effective for a period of 5 years and, at the end of
25 June 30, 2025, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be
26 abrogated and of no further force and effect.