
To: Members of The House Judiciary Committee

From: Family & Juvenile Law Section Council (FJLSC)
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Subject: **House Bill 667:**
Child Support – Annual Collection Fee

Position: **SUPPORT**

The Maryland State Bar Association (MSBA) FJLSC **supports House Bill 667 – Child Support – Annual Collection Fee.**

This testimony is submitted on behalf of the Family and Juvenile Law Section Council (“FJLSC”) of the Maryland State Bar Association (“MSBA”). The FJLSC is the formal representative of the Family and Juvenile Law Section of the MSBA, which promotes the objectives of the MSBA by improving the administration of justice in the field of family and juvenile law and, at the same time, tries to bring together the members of the MSBA who are concerned with family and juvenile laws and in reforms and improvements in such laws through legislation or otherwise. The FJLSC is charged with the general supervision and control of the affairs of the Section and authorized to act for the Section in any way in which the Section itself could act. The Section has over 1,200 attorney members.

HB667 balances the needs of the State without burdening families. HB667 is a reasonable solution to ensure that the State’s administrative costs are met by capping the annual collection fee for families who never received temporary cash assistance from State programs and received at least \$3,500 in child support payments in a fiscal year. Under the proposed legislation, the fee would track the amount of such fee authorized by federal law. This allows the fee to change without further modification to the statute. The legislation is fair and economically appropriate.

For the reason(s) stated above, the MSBA **supports House Bill 667 and urges a favorable committee report.**

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