

2009 Maryland Legislative Session Highlights – Child Support Bills

Senate Bill 70 – Law 508 – Family Law – Child Support Enforcement – Medical Support for Children – The law requires that health coverage must be ordered if available at a reasonable cost and accessible to the children. In the absence of health insurance, CSEA must petition for cash medical support. The bill defines “reasonable cost” for health insurance or cash medical support as not exceeding five percent of the parent’s actual income. The bill defines “accessible” to the child as 30 miles or 30 minutes from the child’s residence. Effective October 1, 2008.

House Bill 1466 – Law 469 – Family Investment Program – Temporary Cash Assistance – Assignment of Support – This law repeals a provision that required Temporary Cash Assistance (TCA) applicants and recipients to assign to the State the right to receive child support accrued prior to receiving TCA. The bill specifies that the applicant or recipient must assign to the State all right, title, and interest in support only for the period that the family receives TCA. Effective July 1, 2009.