

In items (1) and (2) of this section, "the inquiry" is substituted for the former references to "hearing in the examination or inquiry" and "the investigation", for clarity, consistency, and simplicity.

In item (3)(ii) of this section, "the paternity proceeding" is substituted for the former language "any ensuing proceedings to establish paternity", for clarity and brevity.

The only other changes are in style.

5-1021. BLOOD TEST.

(A) STATE'S ATTORNEY'S REQUEST.

IN CONNECTION WITH A PRETRIAL INQUIRY UNDER THIS SUBTITLE, THE STATE'S ATTORNEY MAY REQUEST ANY INDIVIDUAL SUMMONED TO THE PRETRIAL INQUIRY TO SUBMIT TO A BLOOD TEST.

(B) COURT ORDER.

IF THE INDIVIDUAL REFUSES THE STATE'S ATTORNEY'S REQUEST TO SUBMIT TO A BLOOD TEST, THE STATE'S ATTORNEY MAY APPLY TO THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR AN ORDER THAT DIRECTS THE INDIVIDUAL TO SUBMIT TO THE TEST.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from the second and third sentences of former Article 16, § 66D(b).

Throughout this section, the word "individual" is substituted for the former words "persons" and "person", since corporations and agencies are physically incapable of giving blood.

In subsection (b) of this section, the phrase "circuit court" is substituted for the former word "court", for clarity and consistency.

5-1022. RESERVED.

5-1023. RESERVED.

PART V. HEARING ON COMPLAINT.

5-1024. FAILURE OF DEFENDANT TO APPEAR.

(A) PROCEEDING IN DEFENDANT'S ABSENCE.

IF A DEFENDANT FAILS TO APPEAR AFTER BEING SUMMONED OR AFTER GIVING BOND AS REQUIRED BY § 5-1014 OF THIS SUBTITLE, THE COURT, IN THE ABSENCE OF THE DEFENDANT, MAY:

- (1) PROCEED WITH THE HEARING ON THE COMPLAINT; AND