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**CHAPTER 179**

**(House Bill 821)**

AN ACT concerning

**Juvenile Causes - Treatment Service Plans**

FOR the purpose of requiring that a juvenile counselor meet with a certain child and the child's parent, guardian, or legal custodian in making a treatment service plan for the child; requiring the juvenile counselor to document when a child's parent, guardian, or legal custodian is unable or refuses to meet with the juvenile counselor and to indicate the reason for the inability or refusal to meet, if known; requiring that a treatment service plan include certain information; and generally relating to treatment service plans.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings

Section 3-8A-20.1

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2002 Replacement Volume)

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

**Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

3-8A-20.1.

(a) (1) In this section, "treatment service plan" means a plan recommended at a disposition hearing under § 3-8A-19 of this subtitle or at a disposition review hearing under this section by the Department of Juvenile Justice to the court proposing specific assistance, guidance, treatment, or rehabilitation of a child.

(2) IN MAKING A TREATMENT SERVICE PLAN, A JUVENILE COUNSELOR SHALL MEET WITH THE CHILD WHO IS THE SUBJECT OF THE TREATMENT SERVICE PLAN AND THE CHILD'S PARENT, GUARDIAN, OR LEGAL CUSTODIAN TO DISCUSS THE TREATMENT SERVICE PLAN.

(3) IF A CHILD'S PARENT, GUARDIAN, OR LEGAL CUSTODIAN IS UNABLE OR REFUSES TO MEET WITH THE JUVENILE COUNSELOR, THE TREATMENT SERVICE PLAN SHALL INDICATE THAT THE PARENT, GUARDIAN, OR LEGAL CUSTODIAN IS UNABLE OR REFUSES TO MEET, AND THE REASON FOR THE INABILITY OR REFUSAL TO MEET, IF KNOWN.

(4) ~~THE~~ AT A MINIMUM, THE TREATMENT SERVICE PLAN SHALL INCLUDE: