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Sec. 11. Any person who shall contribute to or encourage delinquency or dependency of any minor, as hereinbefore defined, or any person charged by law with the care and support of any minor who shall wilfully neglect to perform his or her duty to such child, or any person who shall advise or encourage any child to leave the home, school or institution to which such child shall have been committed by the court or judge, and any person who shall interfere in any way with the execution of any order made or passed by the court or judge in the exercise of the powers conferred by this Act, may be cited before such court or judge, and upon conviction of the offense charged against him by such court or judge, shall be fined not exceeding fifty dollars, or may be committed to the county jail for a term not exceeding sixty days; but if the person so charged with the offense shall pray a jury trial, such case shall be referred to the Circuit Court and there be tried before a jury as other criminal cases are tried. Provided, however, that nothing contained herein shall be construed to deprive the judge or court sitting as a Juvenile Court of the powers now conferred upon the judge or court to punish for contempt.

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Sec. 12. All fines imposed by the court or judge under this Act shall be collected as fines are now collected by the Circuit Court for Baltimore County in the exercise of its criminal jurisdiction, and when so collected shall be paid over to the County Commissioners of Baltimore County. Whenever the said court may determine that a parent or custodian of any child coming within the provisions of this Act is able to pay the cost of the proceeding against such child, and it is proper that he should pay the said costs, or to pay in full or in part the cost of maintaining such child, he or they may be required to do so, and the court shall have full power and jurisdiction to pass such order or decree as may seem just and proper and to enforce obedience to such order as the courts of the State of Maryland now have or may hereafter have conferred upon them.

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Sec. 13. All costs incurred by the prosecution of cases under this Act shall be paid by the County Commissioners of Baltimore County, except as hereinbefore provided; but in no case shall any attorney's appearance fee, or any clerk's or sheriff's fee, be taxed as part of the costs of such proceedings, but all costs incurred by the clerk of the court for the purchase of books shall be charged as a part of the expense of his office. In no case shall any petitioner be held liable for any costs of the case he or she may institute, unless the court shall be satisfied that the case was instituted without justification or through prejudice, upon which finding all costs of the proceedings shall be paid by the petitioner. When any constable may serve any summons or notice of the court, there shall be taxed as part of the costs of the case the usual fee for such services.