

unaccompanied by parent or guardian, or is guilty of indecent, immoral or lascivious conduct; or who conducts himself in a manner injurious to the morals, health or general well-being of himself or others, or who is habitually absent from school contrary to the Public General Laws or Public Local Laws of Maryland.

(b) A neglected child is one who is abandoned; or who is without proper parental care or guardianship; or whose parent, guardian, or custodian neglects or refuses to provide necessary food, clothing, shelter, medical, surgical, or other care necessary for the health and well-being of the child; or who frequents any disreputable place or who associates with vagrant, vicious, or immoral persons; or who engages in an occupation dangerous to life and limb or injurious to his health, morals, or general welfare.

(c) A dependent child is one who is homeless or destitute; or is dependent upon the public for support, or who is feeble-minded or otherwise mentally deficient, or who habitually begs for alms; or who is without a parent, or guardian able to provide properly for his support, training and education.

272E. The said Magistrate for Juvenile Cases upon hearing and investigation, may adjudicate the child to be delinquent or neglected, or dependent, and shall render judgment as follows:

(a) Suspend sentence.

(b) Place the child on probation for a period discretionary with the said Magistrate for Juvenile Cases to remain at its own home or in the custody of a relative or other fit person, subject, however, to the supervision of a probation officer and the further orders of the said Magistrate for Juvenile Cases.

(c) Commit the child to the care and custody of some responsible citizen of Washington County, or some agency, society or suitable institution, maintained by the State or otherwise organized and established for the care of children, until it becomes 21 years of age. Said Magistrate, however, shall retain the right to remove such child from such person, home, agency, society or institution for such reasons as he may determine sufficient.

(d) Impose a legal fine and, in default of payment, commit or place on probation as herein provided.