

provides, or may suspend sentence and place on probation, and by order impose upon such adult such duty as shall be deemed to be for the best interests of the child or other persons concerned. If an adult is charged with an offense for which he is entitled to a trial by jury, and if he shall so demand, he shall be committed or bailed pending the same.

b. Any person contributing toward, encouraging, causing or committing any act or omission tending to cause the delinquency, dependency or neglect of any child as hereinbefore defined, or any person charged by law with the care and support or maintenance of any such child and who wilfully fails, neglects or refuses to care for, support or maintain such child or abandons such child, or any person who shall advise, encourage or cause by forcefully taking, inducing or otherwise, any child to leave the person, home, school or institution to which such child shall have been committed by said Magistrate, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction or pleading guilty thereof, shall be fined not more than \$500.00 or imprisonment in the Maryland House of Correction for a term not exceeding two years or be both fined and imprisoned in the discretion of the Magistrate or Court trying the offense, and each day of such failure, neglect or refusal shall constitute a separate offense; provided, however, that the accused may demand a jury trial and be committed or bailed pending the same. Any person pleading guilty, tried, convicted and sentenced under this act for the abandonment of, or for the neglect of, or failure to maintain or support a child, may be sentenced as hereinbefore stated, or may, in lieu thereof, be paroled on such terms as said Magistrate (or as the Circuit Court for said County, if the case be before said Court) may deem proper, the performance of said terms to be secured by the detention of the offender or by a recognizance entered into by or on his or her behalf, as said Magistrate or said Court may adjudge.

570. Appointment and removal of Probation Officer.

The Magistrate for Juvenile Cases shall appoint a Probation Officer, who may be either male or female, who shall be paid in monthly installments, two-thirds by the County Commissioners of Washington County, and one-third by the Mayor and City Council of Hagerstown, a salary to be fixed by said Magistrate for Juvenile Cases, not exceeding Fifteen Hundred Dollars per annum, and said Probation Officer may be removed by said Magistrate at his discretion. It shall be the duty of the Probation Officer to inform himself or herself when any child is to