

cases brought before him and all such records having to do with children under the age of eighteen shall be exempt from indiscriminate public inspection but shall be open to inspection by the parent or other authorized representative of the person concerned and in the discretion of the Court by any other person having a legitimate interest therein. Stenographic notes or other transcript of the hearings shall not be required unless the Magistrate for Juvenile Causes so orders. The general public shall be excluded and only such persons admitted as have a direct interest in the case; (9) No adjudication by the Magistrate for Juvenile Causes upon the status of any child shall operate to impose any civil disabilities, nor shall any child be deemed a criminal by reason of such adjudication. The proceedings with reference to a child or any evidence given before the Magistrate for Juvenile Causes shall not be admissible as evidence against the child in any case or proceedings in any other court, unless it be upon an appeal from the Magistrate for Juvenile Causes; (10) He shall have original, exclusive jurisdiction concerning any child who is dependent, delinquent, neglected or feeble-minded; (11) He shall have original, exclusive jurisdiction to try, subject to the right of trial by jury unless waived, any parent, guardian, adult or other person causing, encouraging or contributing towards the dependency, delinquency or neglect of any child as hereinafter defined.

370A. When used in this sub-title:

1. "Child" means a person under the age of eighteen who is subject to the jurisdiction of the court.
2. "Dependent child" means a child who has been deprived of support or care by reason of the death, continued absence from the home, physical or mental incapacity, or poverty of his parent or guardian.
3. "Delinquent child" means a child (a) who violates any law or ordinance, or who commits any act which, if committed by an adult, would be a crime not punishable by death or life imprisonment; (b) who is incorrigible or ungovernable or habitually disobedient, or who is beyond the control of his parents, guardian, custodian or other lawful authority; (c) who is habitually a truant; (d) who without just cause, and without the consent of his parents, guardian or other custodian, repeatedly deserts his home or place of abode; (e) who is engaged in any occupation which is in violation of law, or who associates with immoral or vicious persons; or (f) who so deports himself as to injure wilfully or endanger the morals of himself or others.