

before becoming eighteen years of age, shall be within the jurisdiction of the Juvenile Court under the provisions hereof relating to children.

c. To try, subject to the right of trial by jury unless waived, any parent, guardian, or other adult for any wilful act or omission contributing to, encouraging, or tending to cause any condition bringing a child within the jurisdiction of the Court.

d. For the commitment of a mentally defective child.

236. While sitting under the provisions of this sub-title, the Trial Magistrates and the Judges of the Circuit Court may exercise any of their general criminal jurisdiction.

237. Any adult over whom the Judge may have jurisdiction under Section 235 (c), if found guilty of any act or omission as therein defined, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punishable by a fine not exceeding Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), or by imprisonment not exceeding two years, or both fine and imprisonment. Upon any such conviction, the Judge shall have power to impose sentence as aforesaid, or may suspend sentence and place such adult on probation and by order impose upon such adult during such period of probation such duty as shall be deemed to be for the best interests of the child concerned.

238. In any case pending before him, and at any stage of such case, the Judge may waive jurisdiction and order the person before him held for action under the regular criminal procedure.

239. (Initiation of Proceedings.) (a) All cases against adults shall be initiated by warrant in the usual form in the name of the State of Maryland, and a separate docket of such cases shall be kept.

(b) Any person may inform the court that a child is within the purview of this sub-title, and thereupon the Judge may have the Garrett County Welfare Board OR THE DIVISION OF PAROLE AND PROBATION make a preliminary investigation to determine whether the interests of the child or of the public require that further action be taken. The Judge may make such informal adjustment as is practicable without petition. Any person may file in writing under oath, a petition for a hearing regarding any child. Such petition shall set forth the name