

to the extent otherwise provided for in this subsection or elsewhere in this subtitle. The sole question to be submitted for determination by the jury shall be whether the defendant is or is not the father of the child or children. No comment or reference shall be made or permitted with respect to the defendant's failure to testify.

66G.

The Court, upon motion of the defendant alleged to be the putative father, or upon its own motion, shall order the mother and the child, as well as the defendant to submit to such blood tests as may be deemed necessary to determine whether or not the defendant can be excluded as being the father of the child. The results of such test or tests may be received in evidence only in cases where definite exclusion is established. Such tests shall be made in laboratories located in this State, selected by the Court. Reports of such tests shall be made by such laboratories in writing and in the form required by the Court. Copies of the reports shall be furnished to the petitioner or complainant and to the defendant or their counsel. The reports, when admissible in evidence as aforesaid, shall be accepted as prima facie evidence of the results of such tests. The tests shall be paid for by the county or city where the proceedings are pending, unless the Court orders one or more of the parties to the proceedings to pay for the same or any part thereof. When the tests are admitted in evidence, the laboratory technicians who made them are subject to cross-examination by all parties to the proceedings. If the mother or her child fail to submit to the blood tests ordered by the Court to be taken, such facts, when properly adduced by evidence, shall be disclosed to the Court and jury, and may be commented upon by the Court or by counsel to the jury or to the Court when the case is tried without a jury.

66H.

(a) If the finding of the Court or jury, as the case may be, be against the defendant alleged to be the putative father, the Court shall pass an order declaring the defendant to be the father of said child and providing for the support and maintenance of the child. Such order shall specify the sum to be paid by the defendant weekly or otherwise until the child reaches the age of 21 years, dies, marries, or becomes self-supporting, whichever event first occurs; provided, that in any case where said child, having reached 21 years of age, is destitute of means and unable to support himself by reason of mental or physical infirmity, the Court shall have power to require payments to be made or continued during the continuance of such mental or physical infirmity. In addition to providing for the support and maintenance of the child, the order also may require the defendant to pay all or any part of the mother's medical and hospital expense for her pregnancy, confinement, and recovery, and for the funeral expenses if the child has died or dies; and in addition thereto, may award counsel fees to the attorney representing the complainant or petitioner. Costs shall be awarded as in other civil cases in accordance with Rule 604 of the Maryland Rules of Practice and Procedure; provided, that the Court, in its discretion, may order that all or any part of the costs shall be paid by the county or City of Baltimore, as the case may be, where the proceedings were instituted.

(b) The Court may include in the order any other provision,