

(f) No statement made by a child, his parents, guardian, or custodian at a waiver hearing under this section is admissible against him or them in criminal proceedings prior to conviction, excepting perjury.

70-17.

After a petition has been filed and subject to the provisions of Section 70-16 of this subtitle, the court shall hold an adjudicatory hearing after which, if the allegations are sustained, the court shall hold a disposition hearing.

70-18.

(a) A determination that a child is delinquent must be based upon allegations proven beyond a reasonable doubt. An uncorroborated confession made by a child out of court shall not be sufficient proof of delinquency.

(b) In all cases in which an adult is charged under this subtitle, the allegations must be proven beyond a reasonable doubt.

(c) In all other cases the allegations shall be proven by a preponderance of the evidence.

(d) A party is entitled to representation by legal counsel at all stages of any proceedings under this subtitle.

70-19.

(a) If a child is found to be neglected, delinquent, in need of supervision, mentally handicapped, or dependent, the court may make disposition as most suited to the physical, mental, and moral welfare of the child; but no child (except a delinquent child) may be confined in an institution or other facility designed or operated for the benefit of delinquent children.

(b) If an adequate facility required by this section has not been established, the court may approve a facility under the supervision and control of the State Departments of Juvenile Services, Social Services, Mental Hygiene and other appropriate child care agencies, for temporary use as such facility; but the use of a facility which does not meet the requirement of this section may not continue beyond January 1, 1972.

70-20.

(a) Except in cases of delinquency, an order vesting legal custody in an individual, agency, or institution shall be effective for an indeterminate period of time. In cases of delinquency, the order shall be an indeterminate commitment, but shall expire, if not otherwise terminated, three (3) years from the date entered. The court may renew the order upon its own motion, or pursuant to a petition filed by the individual, institution, or agency having legal custody after notice and hearing as prescribed by the Maryland Rules. In no event shall any order or renewal thereof be effective beyond the twenty-first birthday of a child.

(b) Where a child is committed to an individual or to a public or private agency, the court may require from the custodian periodic written progress reports, with recommendations for further supervision, treatment, or rehabilitation.