

(B) APPROVAL OF PETITION.

IN THE CASE OF A CHILD ALLEGED TO BE DELINQUENT, IN NEED OF SUPERVISION, NEGLECTED, DEPENDENT, OR MENTALLY HANDICAPPED, THE INTAKE CONSULTANT OR OTHER PERSON AUTHORIZED BY THE COURT SHALL MAKE THE INQUIRY AND APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE THE FILING OF THE PETITION.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section presently appears as the first sentence and subsection (a) of Art. 26, §70-6. Reference to §70-2 in subsection (a) is proposed for deletion as confusing since §70-2 does not provide for filing of any petition. To fill the gap, the phrase "against a child" is inserted. The only other changes made are in style.

SEC. 3-811. INFORMAL ADJUSTMENT.

(A) COUNSELING BEFORE PETITION IS FILED.

BEFORE A PETITION AGAINST A CHILD IS FILED, THE INTAKE CONSULTANT OR ANY OTHER PERSON AUTHORIZED BY THE COURT MAY COUNSEL AND ADVISE THE PARTIES AND PROPOSE AN INFORMAL ADJUSTMENT IF IT APPEARS:

(1) THE CASE FALLS WITHIN THE COURT'S JURISDICTION UPON THE FACTS ADMITTED BY THE PARTIES;

(2) COUNSEL AND ADVICE, WITHOUT AN ADJUDICATION, WOULD BE TO THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE PUBLIC AND CHILD; AND

(3) THE PARTIES CONSENT IN WRITING TO THE INFORMAL ADJUSTMENT WITH KNOWLEDGE THAT CONSENT IS NOT OBLIGATORY.

(B) PARTY NOT COMPELLED TO APPEAR AT CONFERENCE.

DURING THE INFORMAL ADJUSTMENT PROCESS, A PARTY MAY NOT BE COMPELLED TO APPEAR AT ANY CONFERENCE, PRODUCE ANY PAPER, OR VISIT ANY PLACE.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section presently appears as Art. 26, §70-7. This section has been reorganized to emphasize diversity of its provisions. The provision dealing with inadmissibility of statements into evidence in subsequent proceedings is moved into §3-820. The term "propose" is substituted for "with a view to" for the purpose of