

CONSIDERING THE AGE AND CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE CHILD; AND IF THIS IS ORDERED, THE LIABILITY OF THE CHILD PRECEDES THE LIABILITY OF THE PARENT.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived from Art. 26, §71A, as amended by Ch. 651, Acts of 1973. The term "property" is defined in §3-801(x). The term "child" is defined in §3-801(e).

SEC. 3-840. CONTRIBUTING TO CONDITION WHICH ~~[[WOULD]]~~ ~~[[RENDER]]~~ RENDERS CHILD NEGLECTED, DELINQUENT, OR IN NEED OF SUPERVISION.

(A) OFFENSE DEFINED.

IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR AN ADULT WILLFULLY TO CONTRIBUTE TO, ENCOURAGE, CAUSE OR TEND TO CAUSE ANY ACT, OMISSION, OR ANY CONDITION WHICH ~~[[WOULD RENDER]]~~ RENDERS A CHILD NEGLECTED, DELINQUENT OR IN NEED OF SUPERVISION.

(B) CONDITION.

A PERSON MAY NOT BE CONVICTED UNDER THIS SECTION UNTIL THE CHILD HAS BEEN ADJUDICATED NEGLECTED, DELINQUENT, OR IN NEED OF SUPERVISION.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived from Art. 26, §91. The present definition of the offense is modified to specifically indicate that it is a criminal offense. It is believed that the modified definition eliminates ambiguities as to the nature of an offense committed by an adult. The reference to any parent, guardian, or person having the custody, control, or supervision of a child is proposed for deletion as unnecessary. The term "adult" in the context of this section is broad enough to embrace all these persons. The term "minors without proper care and guardianship" is replaced with specific categories which are defined in the definition section of this subtitle. In support of this change, it should be noted that the terms "neglected child", "delinquent child", or "child in need of supervision" are used interchangeably with "minors without proper care and guardianship" in the statutes from which