

(5) MENTALLY HANDICAPPED; OR

(6) FOUND LIVING IN CONDITIONS ENDANGERING HIS PHYSICAL OR MENTAL WELL BEING.

(G) "JUDGE" MEANS A JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT SITTING FOR JUVENILE CAUSES IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY.

(H) "MENTALLY HANDICAPPED CHILD" MEANS A CHILD WHO IS OR MAY BE:

(1) EXPECTED TO BE PARTIALLY OR TOTALLY INCAPACITATED FOR EDUCATION OR REMUNERATIVE OCCUPATION BECAUSE OF MENTAL RETARDATION OR SEVERE EMOTIONAL DISTURBANCE;

(2) A DANGER TO HIMSELF OR THE PERSON OR PROPERTY OF OTHERS DUE TO SEVERE EMOTIONAL DISTURBANCE; OR

(3) MENTALLY RETARDED OR MENTALLY ILL.

REVISOR'S NOTE: These definitions presently appear as Art. 26, § 75. The definition of "Court" presently appears as Art. 26, § 72. The only other changes made are in style, except that the term "mentally defective" has been changed to "mentally retarded" in accordance with Art. 59, § 3.

SEC. 4-502. PURPOSES OF SUBTITLE.

(A) THE PURPOSES OF THIS SUBTITLE ARE:

(1) TO SECURE FOR EACH CHILD UNDER ITS JURISDICTION THE CARE AND GUIDANCE, PREFERABLY IN HIS OWN HOME, THAT WILL SERVE THE CHILD'S WELFARE AND THE BEST INTEREST OF THE STATE;

(2) TO CONSERVE AND STRENGTHEN THE CHILD'S FAMILY TIES WHENEVER POSSIBLE, REMOVING HIM FROM THE CUSTODY OF HIS PARENTS ONLY WHEN HIS WELFARE OR THE SAFETY AND PROTECTION OF THE PUBLIC CANNOT BE ADEQUATELY SAFEGUARDED WITHOUT SUCH REMOVAL; AND

(3) WHEN A CHILD IS REMOVED FROM HIS OWN FAMILY, TO SECURE FOR HIM CUSTODY, CARE, AND DISCIPLINE AS NEARLY AS POSSIBLE EQUIVALENT TO THAT WHICH SHOULD HAVE BEEN GIVEN BY HIS PARENTS.