

IF THE COURT OBTAINS JURISDICTION OVER A CHILD, THAT JURISDICTION CONTINUES UNTIL THE CHILD REACHES 21 YEARS OF AGE UNLESS THE COURT TERMINATES JURISDICTION SOONER. HOWEVER, THIS SECTION DOES NOT AFFECT THE JURISDICTION OF OTHER COURTS OVER OFFENSES COMMITTED BY THE CHILD AFTER HE REACHES THE AGE OF 18.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived from the first sentence of Art. 26, §76(f). The first sentence of Art. 26, §76(f) is proposed for repeal.

Ch. 651, H.B. 299, Acts of 1973, initially sought to amend this section. However, in its final form the amendment to this provision was deleted.

SEC. 4-509. STATE'S ATTORNEY MAY PROSECUTE.

IF REQUESTED BY THE COURT, THE STATE'S ATTORNEY SHALL PREPARE AND PROSECUTE A CASE WITHIN THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is based on the last sentence of Art. 26, §86(c). The section has been broadened to allow the State's attorney to prosecute any case under this subtitle, rather than merely those involving adults contributing to a minor's condition. This "broadening" is impliedly authorized by §86(a) authorizing the State's attorney to "file a petition at any time, without leave of the court". The only other changes made are in style.

SEC. 4-510. JUVENILE PETITIONS.

(A) WHEN ANY PERSON INFORMS THE COURT THAT A CHILD IS WITHIN THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION, THE COURT SHALL MAKE A PRELIMINARY INQUIRY TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE INTERESTS OF THE PUBLIC OR THE CHILD REQUIRE FURTHER ACTION TO BE TAKEN. THE COURT MAY THEN MAKE AN INFORMAL ADJUSTMENT, IF FEASIBLE, WITHOUT A PETITION, OR MAY AUTHORIZE ANY PERSON TO FILE A PETITION. THE STATE'S ATTORNEY MAY FILE A PETITION AT ANY TIME WITHOUT AUTHORIZATION BY THE COURT. THE PETITION AND ALL SUBSEQUENT COURT DOCUMENTS SHALL BE ENTITLED "IN THE INTEREST OF _____, A CHILD UNDER 18 YEARS OLD".

(B) THE PETITION MAY BE BASED ON INFORMATION AND