

THIS SECTION DOES NOT FORBID ANY PEACE OFFICER, POLICE OFFICER, OR PROBATION OFFICER FROM IMMEDIATELY TAKING INTO CUSTODY A CHILD FOUND VIOLATING ANY LAW OR ORDINANCE, OR WHO IS REASONABLY BELIEVED TO BE A FUGITIVE FROM HIS PARENTS OR FROM JUSTICE, OR WHOSE SURROUNDINGS ARE SUCH AS TO ENDANGER HIS HEALTH, MORALS, OR SAFETY UNLESS IMMEDIATE ACTION IS TAKEN. IN EVERY CASE IN WHICH THE OFFICER TAKES THE CHILD INTO CUSTODY, HE SHALL IMMEDIATELY REPORT THE FACT TO THE COURT, AND THE CASE SHALL THEN PROCEED AS PROVIDED BY THIS SUBTITLE.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section presently appears as Art. 26, §82. The provisions of §82 prohibiting detention in jails and similar facilities now appear in §4-522. The only other changes made are in style.

SEC. 4-514. HEARING AND DISPOSITION OF CAUSE.

(A) CONDUCT OF HEARING.

THE COURT SHALL CONDUCT ALL HEARINGS IN AN INFORMAL MANNER, AND MAY ADJOURN THEM FROM TIME TO TIME. THE COURT MAY EXCLUDE THE GENERAL PUBLIC FROM A HEARING, AND ADMIT ONLY PERSONS WHO HAVE A DIRECT INTEREST IN THE CASE AND THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THOSE PERSONS. PROCEEDINGS INVOLVING CHILDREN MAY BE HEARD SEPARATELY FROM THE TRIALS OF CASES AGAINST ADULTS. THE COURT SHALL HEAR AND DECIDE ALL CASES OF CHILDREN WITHOUT A JURY.

(B) DISPOSITION OF CHILD COMING WITHIN PROVISIONS OF SUBTITLE.

IF THE COURT FINDS THAT A CHILD COMES WITHIN THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE, IT MAY PROCEED AS FOLLOWS:

(1) PLACE THE CHILD ON PROBATION OR UNDER SUPERVISION IN HIS OWN HOME OR IN THE CUSTODY OF A RELATIVE OR OTHER FIT PERSON, UPON THE TERMS THE COURT DETERMINES APPROPRIATE;

(2) COMMIT THE CHILD TO A PUBLIC OR LICENSED PRIVATE INSTITUTION OR AGENCY; OR THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES; OR

(3) MAKE A FURTHER DISPOSITION OF THE CHILD AS PROVIDED BY LAW AND AS THE COURT DEEMS IN THE BEST