

whether the court has jurisdiction and whether judicial action is in the best interests of the public or the child. He may, after such inquiry and in accordance with this section, (i) authorize the filing of a petition, (ii) conduct a further investigation into the allegations of the complaint, (iii) propose an informal adjustment of the matter, or (iv) refuse authorization to file a petition.

(c) The intake officer may authorize the filing of a petition if, based upon the complaint and his preliminary inquiry, he concludes that the court has jurisdiction over the matter and that judicial action is in the best interests of the public or the child. The intake officer shall inform the parties, AND IF PRACTICABLE, THE COMPLAINANT, preferably in person, of his decision to authorize the filing of a petition and the reasons for his decision.

(h) If the complaint alleges the commission of a delinquent act and the intake officer denies authorization to file a petition, the complainant [may], within 15 days of PERSONAL NOTICE TO HIM, OR THE MAILING TO HIS LAST KNOWN ADDRESS OF the denial, MAY [submit] APPEAL the [complaint for review by] DENIAL TO the State's attorney. The State's attorney shall [promptly] review the [complaint] DENIAL. If, within 15 days, he concludes that the court has jurisdiction and that judicial action is in the best interests of the public or the child, he may [authorize the filing of] FILE a petition. THIS PETITION SHALL BE FILED WITHIN 15 DAYS OF THE RECEIPT OF THE COMPLAINANT'S APPEAL.

(i) If the complaint does not allege the commission of a delinquent act, the complainant [may], within 15 days of PERSONAL NOTICE TO HIM OR THE MAILING TO HIS LAST KNOWN ADDRESS OF the denial, MAY submit the [complaint] DENIAL for review by the regional supervisor of the intake officer. The supervisor shall [promptly] review the [complaint] DENIAL. If, within 15 days, he concludes that the court has jurisdiction and that judicial action is in the best interests of the public and the child, he may [authorize] DIRECT the filing of a petition in writing. THE PETITION SHALL BE FILED WITHIN FIVE DAYS OF THE DECISION.

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(b) Any information secured or statement made by a participant during a preliminary OR FURTHER inquiry pursuant to § 3-810 or a study pursuant to § 3-818 may not be admitted in evidence in any ADJUDICATORY hearing EXCEPT ON THE ISSUE OF RESPONDENT'S COMPETENCE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROCEEDINGS AND RESPONSIBILITY FOR HIS CONDUCT AS PROVIDED IN ARTICLE 59 §25 [prior to the adjudication or in a criminal proceeding against him] WHERE A PETITION ALLEGING DELINQUENCY HAS BEEN FILED, OR IN A CRIMINAL PROCEEDING prior to conviction.

(D) IF JURISDICTION IS NOT WAIVED, ANY STATEMENT MADE BY A CHILD, HIS PARENTS, GUARDIAN, OR CUSTODIAN AT A WAIVER HEARING MAY NOT BE ADMITTED IN EVIDENCE IN ANY ADJUDICATORY