

AN ACT concerning

Abused Child - Return to Household

FOR the purpose of ~~providing that until certain conditions are met, the local department of social services and any court, State's attorney's office, or other law enforcement agency may not return an abused child who has been removed temporarily from the household~~ requiring the local department of social services to establish proper supervision and monitoring of an abused child's household for a certain period of time after the child's return to the household in certain circumstances.

BY renumbering

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments
Section 35A(f-1) through (j), respectively
to be Section 35A(g), and (i) through (l), respectively
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1976 Replacement Volume and 1978 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments
Section 35A(h)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1976 Replacement Volume and 1978 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section(s) 35A(f-1) through (j), respectively, of Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments, of the Annotated Code of Maryland be renumbered to be Section(s) 35A(g), and (i) through (l), respectively.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments

35A.

(H) IF A CHILD IS REMOVED FROM A HOUSEHOLD UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF ~~SUBSECTION (i)~~ THIS SECTION OR BY A COURT ORDER FINDING THAT THE CHILD IS IN SERIOUS PHYSICAL DANGER, ~~THE CHILD MAY NOT BE RETURNED UPON THE RETURN OF THE CHILD TO THE HOUSEHOLD BY THE LOCAL DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES OR BY THE ACTION OR ORDER OF ANY COURT, STATE'S ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, OR OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY UNTIL,~~ THE LOCAL DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES ESTABLISHES SHALL ESTABLISH PROPER SUPERVISION AND MONITORING OF THE CHILD'S HOUSEHOLD ON A REGULARLY SCHEDULED BASIS OF NOT LESS THAN ONCE A MONTH