

AN ACT concerning

Juvenile Causes - Child in Need of Assistance

FOR the purpose of requiring a local intake officer to file, without further investigation, a child in need of assistance petition if sought by a local department of social services; making the local department a party to the proceeding in these cases; and providing that in these cases the local department shall present to the court the evidence in support of the petition.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, ,

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 3-810(b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1974 Volume and 1979 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 3-812(g)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1974 Volume and 1979 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings

3-810.

(b) (1) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS SUBSECTION, [In] IN considering the complaint, the intake officer shall make a preliminary inquiry within 15 days as to 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.

(2) IF A COMPLAINT THAT CONCERNS A CHILD ALLEGED TO BE IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE IS BROUGHT BY A LOCAL DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES, THE INTAKE OFFICER SHALL FILE THE PETITION WITHOUT FURTHER INVESTIGATION.

3-812.

(G) WHENEVER A CHILD IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE PETITION IS FILED AT THE REQUEST OF THE LOCAL DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL
