

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1981.

Approved May 12, 1981.

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CHAPTER 279

(Senate Bill 376)

AN ACT concerning

Juvenile Causes - Petition

FOR the purpose of providing that an intake officer may consider the need for restitution as one factor in the decision of whether a petition should be authorized.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings  
Section 3-810(c)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1980 Replacement Volume and 1980 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 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows: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.

(c) (1) 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 NEED FOR RESTITUTION MAY BE CONSIDERED AS ONE FACTOR IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST.

(2) The intake officer shall inform the parties of his decision to authorize the filing of a petition and the reasons for his decision.

(3) If the following persons are not parties and it is practicable, the intake officer shall also inform, preferably in person, these persons of his decision to authorize the filing of a petition and the reasons for his decision:

- (i) The victim;
- (ii) The arresting police officer; and