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CHAPTER 469

(House Bill 717)

AN ACT concerning

Juveniles - Delinquency Petitions

FOR the purpose of providing that under certain conditions a complaint alleging a delinquent act shall be forwarded to the State's Attorney; and providing for the disposition of such complaints.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings  
Section 3-810(b)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1980 Replacement Volume and 1981 Supplement)

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

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings

3-810.

(b) (1) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, 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) (1) IF A COMPLAINT IS FILED THAT ALLEGES THE COMMISSION OF A DELINQUENT ACT BY A CHILD THE INTAKE OFFICER SHALL PROMPTLY IMMEDIATELY FORWARD IT TO THE STATE'S ATTORNEY IF WHO IS 16 YEARS OLD OR OLDER, WHICH WOULD BE A FELONY ENUMERATED IN ARTICLE 27, § 441(E) OF THE CODE IF