

(c) The filing of an application for leave to appeal under this section does not stay other proceedings in a criminal OR JUVENILE case unless all parties consent.

(d) (1) For purposes of this section, a victim's representative, including the victim's spouse or surviving spouse, parent or legal guardian, child, or sibling, may represent a victim of a violent crime who dies or is disabled.

(2) If there is a dispute over who shall be the victim's representative, the court shall designate the victim's representative.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2006.

Approved May 2, 2006.

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## CHAPTER 261

### (Senate Bill 509)

AN ACT concerning

#### **Criminal Law – Crimes of Violence – Child Abuse**

FOR the purpose of adding the crime of child abuse in the first degree to the list of crimes of violence for which certain enhanced penalties are applied to certain offenders; and generally relating to crimes of violence.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Criminal Law

Section 14–101

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2002 Volume and 2005 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

#### **Article – Criminal Law**

14–101.

(a) In this section, “crime of violence” means:

- (1) abduction;
- (2) arson in the first degree;
- (3) kidnapping;
- (4) manslaughter, except involuntary manslaughter;
- (5) mayhem;