

(2002 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings

Section 3-8A-01(z), 3-8A-17.1, 3-8A-17.8, and 3-8A-17.9

Annotated Code of Maryland

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Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings

Section 3-8A-17.6 and 3-8A-17.7

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BY adding to

Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings

Section 3-8A-17.6, 3-8A-17.7, 3-8A-17.8, 3-8A-17.9, and 3-8A-17.11

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

Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings

3-8A-01.

(a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated, unless the context of their use indicates otherwise.

(z) “Qualified expert” means [a licensed psychologist or psychiatrist who has expertise in child development, with training in forensic evaluation procedures through formal instruction, professional supervision, or both, and who is:

(1) Familiar with the competency standards contained in this subtitle; and

(2) Familiar with the treatment, training, and restoration programs for children that are available in this State] ~~A LICENSED CERTIFIED SOCIAL WORKER CLINICAL, LICENSED PSYCHOLOGIST, OR LICENSED PSYCHIATRIST WHO:~~

(1) (i) HAS EXPERTISE IN CHILD DEVELOPMENT, WITH TRAINING IN THE FORENSIC EVALUATION OF CHILDREN, AS APPROVED BY THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE;

(2) (ii) IS FAMILIAR WITH THE COMPETENCY STANDARDS CONTAINED IN THIS SUBTITLE; AND

(3) (iii) IS FAMILIAR WITH THE TREATMENT, TRAINING, AND RESTORATION PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN THAT ARE AVAILABLE IN THIS STATE.