

5-3B-23, 5-3B-24, and 5-3B-25, respectively, of Article - Family Law of the Annotated Code of Maryland be renumbered to be Section(s) 5-352(d), 5-3A-35(a), (b), and (d), 5-3A-36(a), (b), and (d), 5-3A-37, 5-3B-15(c) though (f), 5-3B-20, 5-3B-21, 5-3B-22, 5-3B-23, 5-3B-24, 5-3B-25, and 5-3B-26, respectively.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article 88A - Department of Human Resources

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The Department of Human Resources shall maintain a website on which to post notices of petitions under §§ 5-316(f)(3)(ii), 5-3A-15(d)(3)(ii), and [5-3B-15(d)(3)(ii)] 5-3B-15(F)(3)(II) of the Family Law Article.

COMMITTEE NOTE: This section is amended to reflect the renumbering of current FL § 5-3B-15(d) as proposed FL § 5-3B-15(f).

Article - Family Law

5-307.

(a) (1) Unless the public defender is required under Article 27A, § 4 of the Code to provide representation, in a case under Part II or Part III of this subtitle, a juvenile court shall appoint an attorney to represent a parent who:

(ii) when a petition for guardianship or adoption is filed OR CONSENT TO GUARDIANSHIP OR ADOPTION IS GIVEN, is a minor.

COMMITTEE NOTE: Subsection (a)(1)(ii) of this section is amended to ensure that a parent who signs a consent while a minor but becomes an adult before the petition for guardianship or adoption is filed has the right to appointed counsel to review the consent to ensure knowing and voluntary consent as required by current FL § 5-321(a)(v). The Committee did not intend to change former FL §§ 5-301(h) and 5-323(a)(1)(iii), which, by defining minor with relation to the signing of a consent rather than filing of a petition, did so require.

As to "minor", see Art. 1, § 24 of the Code.

Defined terms: "Guardianship" § 5-301
 "Juvenile court" § 1-101
 "Parent" § 5-301

5-318.

(a) (2) If a party becomes aware, before a juvenile court rules on a guardianship petition, that a condition of consent under § 5-320(b) of this subtitle may not be fulfilled:

(i) the party promptly shall:

1. file notice with the juvenile court; [and]