

regulations; altering a certain definition; and generally relating to juvenile competency.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
 Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
 Section 3-8A-01(a), 3-8A-17.4, and 3-8A-17.5
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (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
 (2002 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

BY repealing
 Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
 Section 3-8A-17.6 and 3-8A-17.7
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (2002 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

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
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (2002 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

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: