

certain guardianship and adoption proceedings; providing for the construction of a termination of parental rights as voluntary under certain circumstances; altering provisions relating to the waiver of reasonable reunification efforts in a child in need of assistance proceeding; altering provisions concerning permanency planning to include certain planned permanent living arrangements; requiring the Department of Human Resources to maintain a website for certain postings; authorizing the Department to charge a certain fee for certain postings; requiring certain documents in proceedings relating to children in need of assistance to contain information about the website; altering provisions relating to the duty of the Public Defender to provide legal representation in certain guardianship and adoption cases; expanding the categories of children whom volunteers assist under the Court-Appointed Special Advocate Program; recodifying a provision relating to the construction of certain terms in written instruments; defining certain terms; altering certain definitions; making certain conforming changes; making stylistic changes; and generally relating to termination of parental rights, guardianship, and adoption.

BY renumbering

Article – Family Law

Section 1-101(b), (c), (d), (f), and (g), respectively

to be Section 1-101(d), (e), (h), (j), and (k) , respectively

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2004 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing

Article – Family Law

Section 5-301 through 5-330 and the subtitle “Subtitle 3. Adoption and Guardianship With the Right to Consent to Adoption”; 5-3A-01 through 5-3A-07 and the subtitle “Subtitle 3A. Access to Birth and Adoption Records”; 5-410.1(g), 5-4B-01(c), 5-4C-01(f), 5-501(c) and (l), 5-507(c), 5-559(b), 5-586(b), 5-701(f), 5-705.1(a), 5-1201(d) and (f), and 6-101(b)

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BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 27A – Public Defender

Section 4(b)(5) and (d)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2003 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article 88A – Department of Human Resources

Section 18

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2003 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)