

(5) Except as otherwise provided by law, to hold the local department [of social services] responsible for providing services to assist the parents with remedying the circumstances that required the court's intervention;

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(a) (1) Except as otherwise provided in this subtitle, the Maryland Rules govern the format of a petition and of other pleadings and the procedures to be followed by the court and parties under this subtitle.

(2) EACH DOCUMENT THAT A LOCAL DEPARTMENT SERVES ON A PARENT UNDER THIS SUBTITLE SHALL INCLUDE INFORMATION ABOUT THE WEBSITE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES MAINTAINS UNDER ARTICLE 88A, § 18 OF THE CODE.

3-812.

(a) (2) "Crime of violence" [has]:

(I) HAS the meaning stated in § 14-101 of the Criminal Law Article; OR

(II) AS TO A CRIME COMMITTED IN ANOTHER STATE, MEANS A CRIME THAT, IF COMMITTED IN THIS STATE, WOULD BE A CRIME OF VIOLENCE AS DEFINED IN § 14-101 OF THE CRIMINAL LAW ARTICLE.

(b) In a petition under this subtitle, a local department may ask the court to find that reasonable efforts to reunify a child with the child's [natural] parent or guardian are not required if the local department concludes that a [natural] parent or guardian has:

(1) Subjected the child to:

- (i) Chronic abuse;
- (ii) Chronic and life-threatening neglect;
- (iii) Sexual abuse; or
- (iv) Torture;

(2) Been convicted, IN ANY STATE OR ANY COURT OF THE UNITED STATES, OF:

(i) [In this State of] a crime of violence against:

- 1. A MINOR OFFSPRING OF THE PARENT OR GUARDIAN;
- 2. the child [,the other natural]; OR
- 3. ANOTHER parent OR GUARDIAN of the child[, another child of the natural parent, or any individual who resides in the household of the natural parent]; OR