

[(t)] (Y) "Petition" means the pleading filed with the court under § 3-8A-13 of this subtitle alleging that a child is a delinquent child or a child in need of supervision or that an adult violated § 3-8A-30 of this subtitle.

(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.

[(u)] (AA) "Respondent" means the individual against whom a petition or a peace order request is filed.

[(v)] (BB) (1) "Shelter care" means the temporary care of children in physically unrestricting facilities.

(2) "Shelter care" does not mean care in a State mental health facility.

[(w)] (CC) (1) "Victim" means:

(i) A person who suffers direct or threatened physical, emotional, or financial harm as a result of a delinquent act; or

(ii) An individual against whom an act specified in § 3-8A-19.1(b) of this subtitle is committed or alleged to have been committed.

(2) "Victim" includes a family member of a minor, disabled, or a deceased victim.

(3) "Victim" includes, if the victim is not an individual, the victim's agent or designee.

[(x)] (DD) "Violation" means a violation for which a citation is issued under:

(1) § 10-113, § 10-114, § 10-115, or § 10-116 of the Criminal Law Article;

(2) § 10-108 of the Criminal Law Article; or

(3) § 26-103 of the Education Article.

[(y)] (EE) "Witness" means any person who is or expects to be a State's witness.
3-8A-17.1.

(A) (1) AT ANY TIME AFTER A PETITION ALLEGING THAT A CHILD HAS COMMITTED A DELINQUENT ACT IS FILED WITH THE COURT UNDER THIS SUBTITLE, THE COURT ON ITS OWN MOTION, OR ON MOTION OF THE CHILD'S COUNSEL OR THE STATE'S ATTORNEY, SHALL STAY ALL PROCEEDINGS AND ORDER AN EVALUATION OF THE CHILD'S MENTAL CONDITION AND DEVELOPMENTAL LEVELS IF THE COURT FINDS THAT: