

## (A) IN GENERAL.

IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection is new language derived without substantive change from the introductory language of former Article 27, § 35A(b).

## (B) ABUSE.

"ABUSE" MEANS:

(1) THE SUSTAINING OF PHYSICAL INJURY BY A CHILD AS A RESULT OF CRUEL OR INHUMANE TREATMENT OR AS A RESULT OF A MALICIOUS ACT BY ANY PARENT OR OTHER PERSON WHO HAS PERMANENT OR TEMPORARY CARE OR CUSTODY OR RESPONSIBILITY FOR SUPERVISION OF A CHILD UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES THAT INDICATE THAT THE CHILD'S HEALTH OR WELFARE IS HARMED OR THREATENED THEREBY; OR

(2) SEXUAL ABUSE OF A CHILD, WHETHER PHYSICAL INJURIES ARE SUSTAINED OR NOT.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection formerly appeared as Article 27, § 35A(b)7.

In item (1) of this subsection, the words "adoptive parent", which formerly followed "parent", are deleted as unnecessary.

Also in item (1) of this subsection, "child" is substituted for the former words "minor child" in light of the definition of "child" in subsection (c) of this section.

The only other changes are in style.

Defined terms: "Child" § 5-901  
"Sexual abuse" § 5-901

## (C) CHILD.

"CHILD" MEANS ANY INDIVIDUAL UNDER THE AGE OF 18 YEARS.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection formerly appeared as Article 27, § 35A(b)2.

The word "individual" is substituted for the former word "person".

The only other changes are in style.

## (D) EDUCATOR OR SOCIAL WORKER.