

Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1974 Volume and 1983 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

3-812.

(a) A petition shall allege that a child is either delinquent, or in need of assistance, or in need of supervision. If it alleges delinquency, it shall set forth in clear and simple language the alleged facts which constitute the delinquency, and shall also specify the laws allegedly violated by the child. If it alleges that the child is in need of assistance or in need of supervision, the petition shall set forth in clear and simple language the alleged facts supporting that allegation.

(b) Petitions alleging delinquency or violation of Section 3-831 shall be prepared and filed by the State's Attorney. A petition alleging delinquency shall be filed within 30 days after the receipt of a referral from the intake officer. All other petitions shall be prepared and filed by the intake officer.

(c) The form of petitions and all other pleadings, and except as otherwise provided in this subtitle, the procedures to be followed by the court, shall be as specified in the Maryland Rules.

(d) The State's Attorney, upon assigning his reasons, may dismiss in open court a petition alleging delinquency.

(e) The court shall conduct all hearings in an informal manner. It may exclude the general public from a hearing, and admit only those persons having a direct interest in the proceeding and their representatives.

(f) The court shall try cases without a jury.

(g) Whenever a child in need of assistance petition is filed at the request of the local department of social services, the local department shall be a party to the proceeding and shall present to the court the evidence in support of the petition.

(H) THE COURT SHALL HEAR AND RULE ON A PETITION SEEKING AN ORDER FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL TREATMENT ON AN EXPEDITED BASIS AND SHALL-PASS-AN-ORDER-IMMEDIATELY.

Article - Estates and Trusts

13-705.