

(3) THE JUDGE AND THE DEFENDANT SHALL BE ALLOWED TO COMMUNICATE WITH THE PERSONS IN THE ROOM WHERE THE CHILD IS TESTIFYING BY ANY APPROPRIATE PRIVATE ELECTRONIC METHOD.

(C) THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION DO NOT APPLY IF THE DEFENDANT IS AN ATTORNEY PRO SE.

(D) THIS SECTION MAY NOT BE INTERPRETED TO PRECLUDE, FOR PURPOSES OF IDENTIFICATION OF A DEFENDANT, THE PRESENCE OF BOTH THE VICTIM AND THE DEFENDANT IN THE COURTROOM AT THE SAME TIME.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall be construed only prospectively and may not be applied or interpreted to have any effect upon or application to any case filed prior to the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1985.

Approved May 28, 1985.

CHAPTER 496

(House Bill 1328)

AN ACT concerning

Missing Children - Investigation and Reporting

FOR the purpose of providing statewide guidelines to aid in the locating of missing children; ~~making--certain--legislative findings;~~ requiring certain investigatory and reporting activities by law enforcement agencies; defining certain terms; providing certain authority to the Maryland State Police in the investigation of missing children reports; establishing a State Clearinghouse for Missing Children within the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services; requiring the State Clearinghouse to perform certain activities; establishing an advisory council to the State Clearinghouse composed of certain members; and generally relating to the investigation and reporting of reports involving missing children.

BY adding to

Article - Family Law
Section 9-401 through 9-404 9-403
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1984 Volume)