

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Family Law

1-201.

(a) An equity court has jurisdiction over:

- (1) adoption of a child;
- (2) alimony;
- (3) annulment of a marriage;
- (4) divorce;
- (5) custody or guardianship of a child;
- (6) visitation of a child;
- (7) legitimation of a child;
- (8) paternity; and
- (9) support of a child.

(b) In exercising its jurisdiction over the custody, guardianship, visitation, or support of a child, an equity court may:

- (1) direct who shall have the custody or guardianship of a child, pendente lite or permanently;
- (2) determine who shall have visitation rights to a child;
- (3) decide who shall be charged with the support of the child, pendente lite or permanently; or
- (4) from time to time, set aside or modify its decree or order concerning the child.

(c) [This] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION, THIS section does not take away or impair the jurisdiction of a juvenile court or a criminal court with respect to the custody, guardianship, visitation, and support of a child.

(D) IF AN ADOPTION OR GUARDIANSHIP WITH THE RIGHT TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION OR LONG-TERM CARE SHORT OF ADOPTION IS ORDERED BY THE EQUITY COURT, AS TO A CHILD PREVIOUSLY ADJUDICATED TO BE A CHILD IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE, A NEGLECTED CHILD, AN ABUSED CHILD, OR A DEPENDENT CHILD, THE JURISDICTION OF A JUVENILE COURT WITH REGARD TO THESE ISSUES IS TERMINATED.