

Senate Bill No. 658

AN ACT concerning

Juvenile Causes - Jurisdiction of the Court -
Contributing to the Delinquency of a Child

FOR the purpose of altering the jurisdiction of the juvenile court and the District Court so that they have concurrent jurisdiction in proceedings against an adult for contributing to, encouraging, causing, or tending to cause any act, omission, or condition by a child which results in a violation or which renders the child delinquent delinquent, in need of supervision, or in need of assistance.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 3-804(c) and 4-302(b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1984 Replacement Volume and 1985 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

3-804.

(c) The court has [exclusive original] CONCURRENT jurisdiction WITH THE DISTRICT COURT over proceedings against an adult for the violation of § 3-831 of this subtitle. [However, the court may waive its jurisdiction under this subsection upon its own motion or upon the motion of any party to the proceeding, if charges against the adult arising from the same incident are pending in the criminal court. Upon motion by either the State's Attorney or the adult charged under § 3-831, the court shall waive its jurisdiction, and the adult shall be tried in the criminal court according to the usual criminal procedure.]

4-302.

(b) (1) Except as provided in § 4-303 of this subtitle AND PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, the District Court does not have criminal jurisdiction to try a case in which a juvenile court has exclusive original jurisdiction.

(2) THE DISTRICT COURT HAS CONCURRENT JURISDICTION WITH THE JUVENILE COURT OVER PROCEEDINGS AGAINST AN ADULT FOR ANY VIOLATION OF § 3-831 OF THIS ARTICLE.