

extension if the investigation is not completed; providing that an extension may not be for more than a certain time; and generally relating to investigations of suspected child abuse.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Family Law
Section 5-905(f)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1984 Volume and 1985 Supplement)

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

Article - Family Law

5-905.

(f) (1) [An] TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE, AN investigation under this section shall be completed within 10 days after receipt of the first notice of the suspected abuse by the local department or law enforcement agencies.

(2) (I) WITHIN 10 DAYS AFTER THE LOCAL DEPARTMENT OR LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY RECEIVES THE FIRST NOTICE OF THE SUSPECTED ABUSE, THE LOCAL DEPARTMENT OR LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY SHALL REPORT TO THE LOCAL STATE'S ATTORNEY THE PRELIMINARY FINDINGS OF THE INVESTIGATION.

~~(ii) -- THE LOCAL DEPARTMENT -- OR -- LAW -- ENFORCEMENT AGENCY -- SHALL -- REPORT -- UPDATED -- FINDINGS -- OF -- THE -- INVESTIGATION -- TO -- THE -- LOCAL -- STATE'S -- ATTORNEY -- EVERY -- 15 -- DAYS -- AFTER -- THE -- PRELIMINARY FINDINGS -- ARE -- REPORTED -- UNTIL -- THE -- INVESTIGATION -- IS -- COMPLETED.~~

(II) THE LOCAL DEPARTMENT OR LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY SHALL MAKE A FINAL REPORT TO THE LOCAL STATE'S ATTORNEY WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THE DATE OF THE PRELIMINARY REPORT, OR REQUEST AN EXTENSION AT THAT TIME IF THE INVESTIGATION IS NOT COMPLETED. EACH EXTENSION MAY NOT BE FOR MORE THAN 30 DAYS.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1986.

Approved April 29, 1986.
