

(1984 Replacement Volume and 1987 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

3-801.

(a) In this subtitle, the following words have the meanings indicated, unless the context of their use indicates otherwise:

(b) "Adjudicatory hearing" means a hearing to determine whether the allegations in the petition, other than allegations that the child requires the court's assistance, treatment, guidance or rehabilitation, are true.

(c) "Adult" means a person who is 18 years old or older.

(d) "Child" means a person under the age of 18 years.

(e) "Child in need of assistance" is a child who requires the assistance of the court because

(1) He is mentally handicapped or is not receiving ordinary and proper care and attention, and

(2) His parents, guardian, or custodian are unable or unwilling to give proper care and attention to the child and his problems provided, however, a child shall not be deemed to be in need of assistance for the sole reason he is being furnished nonmedical remedial care and treatment recognized by State law.

(f) "Child in need of supervision" is a child who requires guidance, treatment, or rehabilitation and

(1) He is required by law to attend school and is habitually truant; or

(2) He is habitually disobedient, ungovernable, and beyond the control of the person having custody of him; or

(3) He departs himself so as to injure or endanger himself or others; or

(4) He has committed an offense applicable only to children.

(g) "Citation" means the written form issued by a police officer which serves as the initial pleading against a child for a violation and which is adequate process to give the court jurisdiction over the person cited.