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- (2) Except during the first 96 hours after commitment, the Secretary or a designee of the Secretary may terminate the commitment if the Secretary or designee determines that continued commitment:
- individual; or (i) Is not in the best interest of the
 - (ii) Does not serve any useful purpose.
- (c) Before an individual is released from commitment under this section, the Secretary or designee shall give the judge that ordered commitment notice of the proposed date and time of release.

Subtitle 6. Commitments FOR DRUG ABUSERS

Part 1. General Provisions

[9-601.] 8-601.

Subject to the requirements of this subtitle, a court may commit an individual to the Administration.

[9-602.] 8-602.

A determination that an individual is a drug abuser and a commitment of the individual under this subtitle is not a criminal conviction.

[9-603.] 8-603.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this subtitle, a court may not commit an individual UNDER PARTS I, II, III, AND IV OF THIS SUBTITLE to the Administration, until the Administration:

- (1) Designates a facility for admission of the individual; and
- (2) Certifies that the facility has available space and adequate staff.

[9-604.] 8-604.

- (a) (1) This State shall be a party in each proceeding under this subtitle.
- (2) The State's attorney shall represent this State in the proceeding.
- (b) If an individual for whom commitment is sought is an unmarried minor in the legal custody of, or dependent on, a parent, next of kin, or guardian of the person, the court: