

(s) (1) "Victim" means [an individual] A PERSON who suffers direct or threatened physical, emotional, or financial harm as a result of a delinquent act.

(2) "Victim" includes a family member of a minor, incompetent, or a homicide victim.

(3) "VICTIM" INCLUDES, IF THE VICTIM IS NOT AN INDIVIDUAL, THE VICTIM'S AGENT OR DESIGNEE.

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(a) The intake officer shall receive:

(1) Complaints from a person or agency having knowledge of facts which may cause a person to be subject to the jurisdiction of the court; and

(2) Citations issued by a police officer under § 3-835 of this article.

(b) (1) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, in considering the complaint, the intake officer shall make a preliminary inquiry within 15 days as to whether the court has jurisdiction and whether judicial action is in the best interests of the public or the child. [He] THE INTAKE OFFICER may, after such inquiry and in accordance with this section[,]:

(i) [authorize] AUTHORIZE the filing of a petition[,];

(ii) [conduct] CONDUCT a further investigation into the allegations of the complaint[,];

(iii) [propose] PROPOSE an informal adjustment of the matter[,]; or

(iv) [refuse] REFUSE authorization to file a petition.

(2) If a complaint that concerns a child alleged to be in need of assistance is brought by a local department of social services, the intake officer shall file the petition without further investigation.

(3) (i) If a complaint is filed that alleges the commission of a delinquent act by a child who is 16 years old or older, which would be a felony enumerated in Article 27, § 441(e) of the Code if committed by an adult, the intake officer shall immediately forward the complaint to the State's Attorney.