

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That all administrative support staff positions held on the effective date of this Act shall be transferred to the St. Mary's County merit system. Employees holding those positions as of the effective date of this Act shall not lose any right, status, salary, benefit, or seniority as a result of the transfer. All subsequent appointments shall be made in accordance with Section 1 of this Act.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1994.

Approved May 2, 1994.

CHAPTER 380

(House Bill 710)

AN ACT concerning

Public Defender – Representation in Termination of Parental Rights Proceedings

FOR the purpose of requiring the Public Defender to represent certain indigent parents in certain proceedings; ~~prohibiting the Public Defender from representing an indigent parent in certain hearings unless the parent makes certain affirmations under oath~~; requiring representation by the Public Defender to extend to all stages of the proceedings; and generally relating to representation of certain parties by the Public Defender in certain proceedings.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 27A – Public Defender

Section 4

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1993 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Family Law

Section 5-323

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1991 Replacement Volume and 1993 Supplement)

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