

CHAPTER 188

(Senate Bill 581)

AN ACT concerning

~~Family Law~~ — Court-Appointed Attorneys

FOR the purpose of requiring a court to appoint certain attorneys to represent certain children and adults in certain actions, unless the court makes a certain finding; making this Act an emergency measure; and generally relating to court-appointed attorneys ~~for children~~.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 3-834
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1989 Replacement Volume and 1994 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article - Estates and Trusts
Section 13-705(d) and 13-709(f)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1991 Replacement Volume and 1994 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article - Family Law
Section 5-323
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1991 Replacement Volume and 1994 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

3-834.

(a) (1) [In] SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, IN addition to any requirements relating to the appointment of counsel for children, at any time during the pendency of any action where it appears to the court that the protection of the rights of a child requires independent representation, the court may, upon its own motion, or the motion of any party to the action, appoint an attorney to represent the interest of the child in that particular action. Such actions include but are not limited to those involving a child in need of assistance, child in need of supervision, delinquent child, or mentally handicapped child.