

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1995.

Approved April 11, 1995.

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CHAPTER 11

(House Bill 823)

AN ACT concerning

**Juvenile Causes – Children in Need of Assistance – Hearings – Permanency Plans of Reunification**

FOR the purpose of requiring that, in a child in need of assistance case where a child is removed from home, the court shall issue an order making certain findings and notifying the parents that the agency ~~holding~~ or department having commitment of a child may change the permanency plan of reunification for the child under certain circumstances; requiring parents of children who are the subject of certain proceedings to notify the local department of social services of all changes in the parent's address; requiring the court in certain proceedings to inquire as to the identity and current address of ~~both of a child's parents~~ each parent of each child before the juvenile court and make certain findings resulting from that inquiry; requiring the court to notify certain parents of their obligation to provide certain information to the court; requiring the court make certain referrals under certain circumstances; permitting the court to issue certain orders; allowing a circuit court to consider certain evidence taken and findings made in certain hearings and proceedings; and generally relating to children in need of assistance.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings  
Section 3-802 and 3-837  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1989 Replacement Volume and 1994 Supplement)

BY adding to  
Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings  
Section 3-820(k) and 3-837.1  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1989 Replacement Volume and 1994 Supplement)

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