

(c) ~~†~~Except as provided in subsection (d) of this section, this ~~†~~ THIS section does not take away or impair the jurisdiction of a juvenile court or a criminal court with respect to the custody, guardianship, visitation, and support of a child.

~~†~~(d)~~†~~ *IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY, IF* an adoption or guardianship with the right to consent to adoption or long-term care short of adoption is ordered by the equity court, as to a child previously adjudicated to be a child in need of assistance, a neglected child, an abused child, or a dependent child, the jurisdiction of a juvenile court with regard to these issues is terminated.~~†~~

~~SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1996.~~

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Sections 1 and 3 of this Act shall apply only to termination of parental rights proceedings and related adoption proceedings initiated on or after October 1, 1996.

SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That all hearings to review the implementation of a permanency plan for a child committed under § 3-820(c)(1)(ii) of the Courts and Judicial Proceedings Article conducted on or after October 1, 1996 shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Section 2 of this Act. However, any review hearing scheduled prior to October 1, 1996 to occur on or after October 1, 1996 need not be rescheduled in accordance with the time frames established in Section 2 of this Act.

SECTION 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1996.

Approved May 23, 1996.

CHAPTER 596

(House Bill 1145)

AN ACT concerning

Permanency for Children in Out-of-Home Placements

FOR the purpose of establishing certain hearings in the juvenile court for children adjudicated to be in need of assistance in order to review the implementation of a permanency placement plan for children in need of assistance committed under a certain provision of the juvenile causes law; requiring the juvenile court to make certain determinations regarding the future status of children in placement, the services they will need for transition to independent living, the necessity for continuing the out-of-home commitment, and the need for placement for adoption; transferring from the equity court to the juvenile court the jurisdiction over termination of parental rights proceedings and adoption proceedings involving children in need of assistance under the jurisdiction of the juvenile court; providing for a certain exception to the transfer of jurisdiction; providing for a certain effective date the application of certain provisions of this Act; and generally relating to children in need of assistance.