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CHAPTER 370

(Senate Bill 520)

AN ACT concerning

Juvenile Law - Informal Adjustment Process - Intake Conferences - Mandatory Attendance

FOR the purpose of repealing the requirement that an intake officer proposing an informal adjustment under the juvenile process inform the victim, the child, and the child's parent or guardian of the fact that the informal adjustment is not obligatory; requiring that a child who is the subject of an informal adjustment under the juvenile cause process and the child's parent or guardian appear at ~~any~~ an intake conference under certain circumstances; and generally relating to the juvenile informal adjustment process.

~~BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 3-810(e)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1995 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)~~

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Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section ~~3-810(f)~~ 3-810(e) and (f)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1995 Replacement Volume and 1996 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

3-810.

(e) (1) The intake officer may propose an informal adjustment of the matter if based on the complaint and the inquiry, the intake officer concludes that the court has jurisdiction but that an informal adjustment, rather than judicial action, is in the best interests of the public and the child.

(2) The intake officer shall propose an informal adjustment by informing the victim, the child, and the child's parent or guardian of the nature of the complaint, the objectives of the adjustment process, AND the conditions and procedures under which it will be conducted, ~~and the fact that it is not obligatory.~~