

**CHAPTER 446**  
**(House Bill 692)**

AN ACT concerning

**Juvenile Justice - Mental Health and Substance Abuse Screening and Assessment**

FOR the purpose of requiring an intake officer assigned by the Department of Juvenile Justice, within a certain period of time, to ~~refer for~~ discuss with a child and the child's parent or guardian certain information regarding a certain mental health and substance abuse screening of a child who is the subject of a certain complaint; requiring that a screening be conducted by a certain person; requiring an intake officer to document whether the parent or guardian of a certain child made an appointment for a certain mental health or substance abuse screening; requiring a comprehensive mental health or substance abuse assessment of a certain child under certain circumstances; ~~requiring an intake officer to take into account a certain assessment in making a certain determination~~ prohibiting the Department of Juvenile Justice and the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene from disclosing certain information regarding certain mental health and substance abuse screenings and assessments of certain children; authorizing the Department of Juvenile Justice and the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to make public certain information under certain circumstances; requiring the Secretary of Juvenile Justice and the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene jointly to adopt certain regulations; ~~making certain legislative findings; defining a certain term;~~ and generally relating to a certain mental health and substance abuse screening and assessment for certain children in the State's juvenile justice system.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings

Section 3-801(a), (o), and (q) and 3-810(a), (b), and (c)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1998 Replacement Volume)

BY adding to

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings

Section 3-810(c-1)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1998 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article - Health - General

Section 15-130(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1994 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)