

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings

Section 3-826.1(g)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1998 Replacement Volume)

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

Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings

3-826.1.

(g) (1) In this subsection, “preadoptive parent” means an individual approved as an adoptive parent by a child placement agency, as defined in § 5-301 of the Family Law Article, to adopt a child who has been placed in the individual’s home for adoption before the granting of a final decree of adoption.

(2) The local department shall give at least 7 [days] DAYS notice, if practicable, before any hearing conducted under this section to the child’s foster parent [or], a preadoptive parent [or], relative providing care for the child, OR AN ATTORNEY FOR A FOSTER PARENT, PREADOPTIVE PARENT, OR RELATIVE PROVIDING CARE FOR THE CHILD.

(3) The foster parent [or], a preadoptive parent [or], relative providing care for the child, OR AN ATTORNEY FOR A FOSTER PARENT, PREADOPTIVE PARENT, OR RELATIVE PROVIDING CARE FOR THE CHILD shall be given the opportunity to be heard at the hearing.

(4) A foster parent [or], a preadoptive parent [or], relative providing care for the child, OR AN ATTORNEY FOR A FOSTER PARENT, PREADOPTIVE PARENT, OR RELATIVE PROVIDING CARE FOR THE CHILD may not be considered to be a party solely on the basis of the right to notice and opportunity to be heard provided under this subsection.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1999.

Approved May 27, 1999.

CHAPTER 571

(Senate Bill 513)

AN ACT concerning

Creation of a State Debt – Baltimore City – The Walters Art Gallery

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed ~~\$1,500,000~~ \$500,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Trustees of The