

(4) Has committed an offense applicable only to children.

(g) "Citation" means the written form issued by a police officer which serves as the initial pleading against a child for a violation and which is adequate process to give the court jurisdiction over the person cited.

(h) "Commit" means to transfer legal custody.

(i) "Court" means the circuit court of a county or Baltimore City sitting as the juvenile court. In Montgomery County, it means the District Court sitting as the juvenile court and following the applicable rules of the circuit court.

(j) "Custodian" means a person or agency to whom legal custody of a child has been given by order of the court, other than the child's parent or legal guardian.

(k) "Delinquent act" means an act which would be a crime if committed by an adult.

(l) "Delinquent child" is a child who has committed a delinquent act and requires guidance, treatment, or rehabilitation.

(m) "Detention" means the temporary care of children who, pending court disposition, require secure custody for the protection of themselves or the community, in physically restricting facilities.

(n) "Disposition hearing" means a hearing to determine:

(1) Whether a child needs or requires the court's assistance, guidance, treatment or rehabilitation; and if so

(2) The nature of the assistance, guidance, treatment or rehabilitation.

(o) "Intake officer" means the person assigned to the court by the Department of Juvenile Justice to provide the intake services set forth in this subtitle.

(p) "Local department" means the local department of social services for the jurisdiction in which the court is located.

(q) "Mentally handicapped child" means a child who is or may be mentally retarded or mentally ill.

(r) "Party" includes a child who is the subject of a petition OR A PEACE ORDER REQUEST, the child's parent, guardian, or custodian, the petitioner and an adult who is charged under § 3-831 of this subtitle.

(S) "PEACE ORDER PROCEEDING" MEANS A PROCEEDING UNDER § 3-820.2 OR § 3-820.4 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(T) "PEACE ORDER REQUEST" MEANS THE INITIAL PLEADING FILED WITH THE COURT UNDER § 3-820.1 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(U) "PETITION" MEANS THE PLEADING FILED WITH THE COURT UNDER § 3-812 OF THIS SUBTITLE ALLEGING THAT A CHILD IS A DELINQUENT CHILD, A CHILD IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE, OR A CHILD IN NEED OF SUPERVISION.