(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.

(V) "RESPONDENT" MEANS THE INDIVIDUAL AGAINST WHOM A PETITION OR A PEACE ORDER REQUEST IS FILED.

[(s)] (W) (1) "Shelter care" means the temporary care of children in physically unrestricting facilities.

(2) "Shelter care" does not mean care in a State mental health facility.

[(t)] (X) (1) "Victim" means:

(I) [a] person who suffers direct or threatened physical, emotional, or financial harm as a result of a delinquent act; OR

(II) AN INDIVIDUAL AGAINST WHOM AN ACT SPECIFIED IN § 3–820.1(B) OF THIS SUBTITLE IS COMMITTED OR ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN COMMITTED.

(2) "Victim" includes a family member of a minor, disabled, or a deceased victim.

(3) "Victim" includes, if the victim is not an individual, the victim's agent or designee.

[(u)] (Y) "Violation" means a violation of § 400, § 400A, § 400B, § 401, or § 405A of Article 27 of the Code and § 26–103 of the Education Article for which a citation is issued.

[(v)] (Z) "Witness" means any person who is or expects to be a State's witness.

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(a) The court has exclusive original jurisdiction over:

(1) A child alleged to be delinquent, in need of supervision, in need of assistance or who has received a citation for a violation; [and]