

Article – Family Law

Section 5-525(a), (c), and (i), ~~and 5-701(r)~~

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1999 Replacement Volume and 2002 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

3-801.

(a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

(b) ~~“Abuse” means:~~(1) ~~Sexual abuse of a child, whether a physical injury is sustained or not;~~

or

(2) ~~Physical or mental injury of a child under circumstances that indicate that the child’s health or welfare is harmed or is at substantial risk of being harmed by:~~(i) ~~A parent or other individual who has permanent or temporary care or custody or responsibility for supervision of the child; or~~(ii) ~~A household or family member.~~(c) ~~“Adjudicatory hearing” means a hearing under this subtitle to determine whether the allegations in the petition, other than the allegation that the child requires the court’s intervention, are true.~~(d) ~~“Adult” means an individual who is at least 18 years old.~~(e) ~~“Child” means an individual under the age of 18 years.~~(f) ~~“Child in need of assistance” means a child who requires court intervention because:~~(1) ~~The child has been abused, has been neglected, has a developmental disability, or has a mental disorder; and~~(2) ~~The child’s parents, guardian, or custodian are unable or unwilling to give proper care and attention to the child and the child’s needs.~~(g) ~~“CINA” means a child in need of assistance.~~(h) ~~“CINA DISPOSITION HEARING” MEANS A HEARING UNDER THIS SUBTITLE TO DETERMINE:~~(1) ~~WHETHER A CHILD IS IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE, AND~~(2) ~~IF SO, THE NATURE OF THE COURT’S INTERVENTION TO PROTECT THE CHILD’S HEALTH, SAFETY, AND WELL BEING.~~