

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings

3-801.

(c) "[Adjudication] 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.

[3-801.1.

If guardianship of a child is awarded under this subtitle, the guardian shall notify the parents of the child as soon as practicable of any emergency decision made by the guardian with respect to the child under § 3-801(o) of this subtitle.]

3-807.

(a) (4) (i) In Prince George's County, the judges of the circuit court may not appoint or continue the appointment of masters for juvenile causes, except for the purpose of conducting:

1. Probable cause hearings, detention hearings, arraignments, acceptances of admissions, and restitution hearings in delinquency cases under Subtitle 8A of this title; and

2. Shelter care, [adjudication] ADJUDICATORY, and disposition hearings in CINA cases under this subtitle.

3-815.

(c) (2) (i) The court shall hold a shelter care hearing on the petition before disposition to determine whether the temporary placement of the child outside of the home is warranted.

(ii) Unless extended on good cause shown, a shelter care hearing shall be held not later than the next day on which the circuit court [sits] IS IN SESSION.

3-816.

(b) (1) As part of a study under this section, the court may order that the child or any parent, guardian, or custodian be examined at a suitable place by a physician, psychiatrist, psychologist, or other professionally qualified person.

(2) (i) The court may not order an inpatient evaluation unless, after a hearing, the court finds that an inpatient evaluation is necessary and there are no less restrictive means to obtain an evaluation.

(ii) Placement in an inpatient facility may not exceed [20] 21 days unless the court finds good cause.

(c) (1) The report of a study under this section is admissible as evidence at a disposition hearing but not at an [adjudication] ADJUDICATORY hearing.