

child with a developmental disability or mental illness; requiring the Social Services Administration to provide certain training for certain staff who administer requests for voluntary placement agreements; and generally relating to children with disabilities or mental illnesses and voluntary placement agreements.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
 Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
 Section 3–816.1(a)
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (2006 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
 Section 3–816.1(b) and 3–819(b)
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (2006 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 Article – Family Law
 Section 5–525(a) and (b)
 Annotated Code of Maryland
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SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings

3–816.1.

(a) The provisions of this section apply to a hearing conducted in accordance with § 3–815, § 3–817, § 3–819, or § 3–823 of this subtitle or a review hearing conducted in accordance with § 5–326 of the Family Law Article in which a child is placed under an order of guardianship, commitment, or shelter care.

(b) (1) In a hearing conducted in accordance with § 3–815, § 3–817, § 3–819, or § 3–823 of this subtitle, the court shall make a finding whether the local department made reasonable efforts to prevent placement of the child into the local department's custody.

(2) In a review hearing conducted in accordance with § 3–823 of this subtitle or § 5–326 of the Family Law Article, the court shall make a finding whether a local department made reasonable efforts to: