

specify the laws allegedly violated by the child. If it alleges that the child is in need of assistance or in need of supervision, the petition shall set forth in clear and simple language the alleged facts supporting that allegation.

(b) Petitions alleging delinquency or violation of § 3-831 shall be prepared and filed by the State's Attorney. A petition alleging delinquency shall be filed within 30 days after the receipt of a referral from the intake officer, unless that time is extended by the court for good cause shown. [All other petitions shall be prepared and filed by the intake officer.] ~~PETITIONS ALLEGING THAT A CHILD IS IN NEED OF SUPERVISION SHALL BE FILED BY THE INTAKE OFFICER. PETITIONS ALLEGING THAT A CHILD IS IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE SHALL BE FILED BY THE LOCAL DEPARTMENT OR, IF THE LOCAL DEPARTMENT DOES NOT FILE THE PETITION, BY THE PERSON OR AGENCY THAT MADE THE COMPLAINT TO THE LOCAL DEPARTMENT. IF THE LOCAL DEPARTMENT DOES NOT FILE THE PETITION, THE PERSON OR AGENCY THAT MADE THE COMPLAINT TO THE LOCAL DEPARTMENT MAY SUBMIT THE DENIAL TO THE DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE SERVICES AREA DIRECTOR FOR FILING.~~

(c) The form of petitions and all other pleadings, and except as otherwise provided in this subtitle, the procedures to be followed by the court, shall be as specified in the Maryland Rules.

(d) The State's Attorney, upon assigning the reasons, may dismiss in open court a petition alleging delinquency.

(e) The court shall conduct all hearings in an informal manner. It may exclude the general public from a hearing, and admit only those persons having a direct interest in the proceeding and their representatives.

(f) The court shall try cases without a jury.

(g) Whenever a child in need of assistance petition is filed [at the request of] BY the local department of social services, the local department shall be a party to the proceeding and shall present to the court the evidence in support of the petition.

(h) The court shall hear and rule on a petition seeking an order for emergency medical treatment on an expedited basis.

3-815.

(a) Only the court or an intake officer may authorize detention or shelter care FOR A CHILD WHO MAY BE IN NEED OF SUPERVISION OR DELINQUENT. THE LOCAL DEPARTMENT, PURSUANT TO REGULATIONS PROMULGATED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES, MAY AUTHORIZE SHELTER CARE FOR A CHILD WHO MAY BE IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE.

(b) If a child is taken into custody, he may be placed in detention or shelter care prior to a hearing if:

(1) Such action is required to protect the child or person and property of others;