- (ii) include any information known to the petitioner of:
 - 1. each previous action between the parties in any court; and
 - 2. each pending action between the parties in any court.
- (2) In a case of alleged child abuse OR ALLEGED ABUSE OF A VULNERABLE ADULT, the petition also shall include:
 - (i) any information known to the petitioner of:
 - the whereabouts of the child OR VULNERABLE ADULT;
- 2. the nature and extent of the abuse, including any evidence or information available to the petitioner concerning previous injury resulting from abuse;
- (ii) any other information relating to the abuse of the child OR $VULNERABLE\ ADULT;$ and
 - (iii) the name and whereabouts of the alleged abuser.
- (c) (1) The court may waive or defer in advance the cost of filing a petition on a showing by affidavit that:
 - (i) the petitioner is indigent; or

and

- (ii) because of the circumstances, the petitioner, otherwise able to pay, is unable to pay the cost at the time of filing.
- (2) Under these circumstances, the court later may waive costs, or assess costs against the petitioner or the alleged abuser.
- (d) (1) When a court receives a petition that alleges abuse of a child OR VULNERABLE ADULT by a household member under this section, the court shall forward a copy of the petition to the local department.
- (2) When the local department receives the petition from the court, the local department shall:
- (i) 1. investigate the alleged abuse as provided in Title 5, Subtitle 7 of this article; OR
- 2. INVESTIGATE THE ALLEGED ABUSE AS PROVIDED IN TITLE 14, SUBTITLE 3 OF THIS ARTICLE; and
- (ii) forward a copy of the report of the investigation to the court.4-505.
- (a) (1) If a petition is filed under this subtitle and the court finds that the petitioner has shown that a household member has been abused, the court, in an ex parte proceeding, may enter a temporary order to protect the petitioner or another household member from abuse.