

CHAPTER 7

(Senate Bill 105)

AN ACT concerning

Juvenile Causes – Alcohol Citations – Intake Discretion

FOR the purpose of ~~altering the circumstances under which a Department of Juvenile Services intake officer is required to forward an alcohol citation to the State's Attorney if a child denies committing a violation; and generally relating to certain responsibilities of the Department of Juvenile Services regarding certain petitions making it discretionary rather than mandatory for an intake officer to forward a citation relating to certain alcohol offenses to the State's Attorney if a juvenile denies commission of the violation; permitting an intake officer to forward a citation relating to certain alcohol citations to the State's Attorney if a juvenile admits commission of the violation; authorizing an intake officer to take certain other actions when a juvenile is issued a citation relating to certain alcohol citations; requiring an intake officer to forward such citations to the State's Attorney under certain circumstances; and generally relating to intake officers and citations relating to certain alcohol offenses.~~

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings

Section 3-810

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1989 Replacement Volume and 1991 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

3-810.

(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, the intake officer shall receive:

(1) Complaints from a person or agency having knowledge of facts which may cause a person to be subject to the jurisdiction of the court; and

(2) Citations issued by a police officer under § 3-835 of this article.

(b) The local department of social services shall only receive complaints which allege that a child is in need of assistance. Upon receipt and consideration of a complaint, the local department shall:

(1) File a petition;