

(3) If, within 15 days, the Department of Juvenile Services Area Director concludes that the court has jurisdiction and that judicial action is in the best interests of the public and the child, the Department of Juvenile Services Area Director may authorize the filing of a petition in writing.

(4) The petition shall be filed within five days of the decision.

(k) (1) If authorization to file a petition for a complaint which alleges a child is in need of assistance is denied, the person or agency that filed the complaint or caused it to be filed, within 15 days of personal notice of the denial to that person or agency or the mailing to the last known address, may submit the denial to the Department of Juvenile Services Area Director for the area in which the complaint was filed.

(2) The Area Director shall authorize the filing of the petition.

(3) The petition shall be filed within 5 days of the submission of the denial to the Department of Juvenile Services Area Director.

(l) (1) If the complaint alleges that a minor 16 years of age or older has committed an act in violation of any provision of the Maryland Vehicle Law or other traffic law or ordinance under the jurisdiction of the juvenile court, the complaint shall be filed directly with the State's Attorney of the jurisdiction in which the alleged violation occurred.

(2) If the State's Attorney elects to proceed with the case, the State's Attorney may prepare a petition for filing with the court of proper jurisdiction.

(m) If the intake officer receives a citation, the intake officer [shall] MAY:

(1) [If the child denies commission of the violation, forward the citation to the State's Attorney;

(2) If the child admits commission of the violation:

(i)] Refer the child to an alcohol education or rehabilitation program;

[(ii)](2) Assign the child to a supervised work program for not more than 20 hours for the first violation and not more than 40 hours for the second or subsequent violation; [or

(iii)] (3) Require the parent or guardian of the child to withdraw the parent or guardian's consent to the child's license to drive, and advise the Motor Vehicle Administration of the withdrawal of consent; or

[(3)](4) Forward the citation to the State's Attorney.

(N) THE INTAKE OFFICER SHALL FORWARD THE CITATION TO THE STATE'S ATTORNEY if:

[(i)] (1) The parent or guardian of the child refuses to withdraw consent to the child's license to drive [under paragraph (2)(iii) of this subsection];