

## CHAPTER 818.

(Senate Bill 416)

AN ACT to amend the laws pertaining to juvenile and related causes in Baltimore City, to confer jurisdiction in such causes upon the Circuit Court of Baltimore City, to provide for the care and treatment of children found by said court to be dependent, delinquent, neglected or feeble-minded, and to abolish the offices of Magistrate and Assistant Magistrate, for Juvenile Causes in Baltimore City.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Article 4 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland and the Baltimore City Charter (1938 Edition), title "Courts", be and the same is hereby amended by adding a new sub-title "Juvenile Causes" and nineteen new sections following Section 420 of said Article 4, said new sections to be known as Sections 420(A), 420(B), 420(C), 420(D), 420(E), 420(F), 420(G), 420(H), 420(I), 420(J), 420(K), 420(L), 420(M), 420(N), 420(O), 420(P), 420(Q), 420(R), and 420(S), and to read as follows:

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420(A). In addition to the jurisdiction now possessed and exercised by the Circuit Court of Baltimore City, said Court shall have jurisdiction in juvenile causes as hereinafter defined. The Supreme Bench of Baltimore City shall assign a judge of said Bench to exercise such jurisdiction. It is considered basic to the operation of this sub-title that the Judge so assigned need not be subject to rotation.

420(B). When used in this sub-title, unless the context otherwise requires:

(a) "Judge" means the judge assigned by the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City to exercise the jurisdiction in juvenile causes herein conferred.

(b) "Child" means a person under the age of sixteen years and subject to the jurisdiction of the court.

(c) "Dependent child" means a child who has been deprived of support or care by reason of the death, continued absence from the home, physical or mental incapacity, or poverty of his parent or guardian.

(d) "Delinquent child" means a child (1) who violates any law or ordinance, or who commits any act which, if