

ner and may be adjourned from time to time. Stenographic notes or other transcript of the hearings shall not be required unless the Judge so orders. The general public shall be excluded and only such persons admitted as have a direct interest in the case.

420(K). In any case concerning a child, if the Judge determines that the child is not within the jurisdiction of the court or that the child is not in need of care or treatment within the provisions or intent of this sub-title, the Judge shall dismiss the case. If the Judge determines that the child is within the jurisdiction of the court and is in need of care or treatment within the provisions and intent of this sub-title by reason of dependency or neglect, the judge shall commit the child to the State Department of Public Welfare. The State Department of Public Welfare shall have sole power to decide the type of care or treatment to be given such child, including placing such child in a home of relatives, in a boarding home, or in a private or public institution or agency, provided such private or public institution or agency shall meet the standards adopted by the State Department of Public Welfare. In all other cases in which the Judge determines that the child is within the Jurisdiction of the Court and is in need of care or treatment within the provisions or intent of this Sub-title the Judge shall have the right to place the child for such period of time as the Judge in his own discretion shall determine, but not beyond the minority of the child

(1) on probation, or

(2) in a public or private institution or agency, or

(3) commit the child to the State Department of Public Welfare for such placement as said Department believes to be for the best interest of the child; provided, however, that after any such placement or commitment as aforesaid the State Department of Public Welfare shall have the right to transfer the child to another public or private institution or agency, or to reduce the term of any such placement or commitment or to return the child to its parent or guardian, if said Department deems such to be for the best interest of the child, and so certifies in writing to the Judge. Placement in a private or public institution of any child committed to the State Department of Public Welfare shall be made only where the State Department of Public Welfare is unable otherwise to insure the proper care of the child. The State Department of Public Welfare shall have the sole power to determine the length of time during the minority of the child during which any commitment to it