

1. Not change the child's custody status; or
2. Commit the child on terms the court considers appropriate to the custody of:
 - A. A parent;
 - B. Subject to § 3-819.2 of this subtitle, a relative, or other individual; or
 - C. A local department, the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, or both, including designation of the type of facility where the child is to be placed.

(2) Unless good cause is shown, a court shall give priority to the child's relatives over nonrelatives when committing the child to the custody of an individual other than a parent.

Article - Family Law

5-525.

(a) (1) The Administration shall establish a program of out-of-home placement for minor children:

(i) who are placed in the custody of a local department, for a period of not more than 180 days, by a parent or legal guardian under a voluntary placement agreement;

(ii) who are abused, abandoned, neglected, or dependent, if a juvenile court:

1. has determined that continued residence in the child's home is contrary to the child's welfare; and

2. has committed the child to the custody or guardianship of a local department; or

(iii) who, with the approval of the Administration, are placed in an out-of-home placement by a local department under a voluntary placement agreement subject to paragraph (2) of this subsection.

(2) (i) A local department may not seek legal custody of a child under a voluntary placement agreement if the child has a developmental disability or