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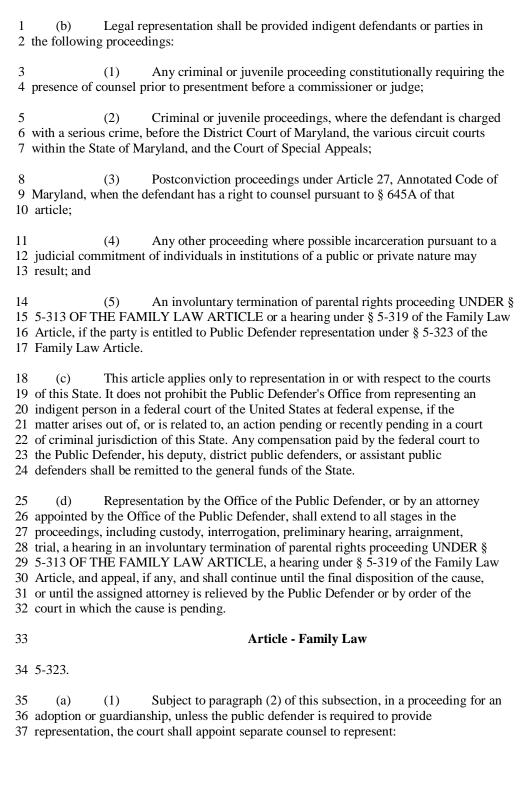
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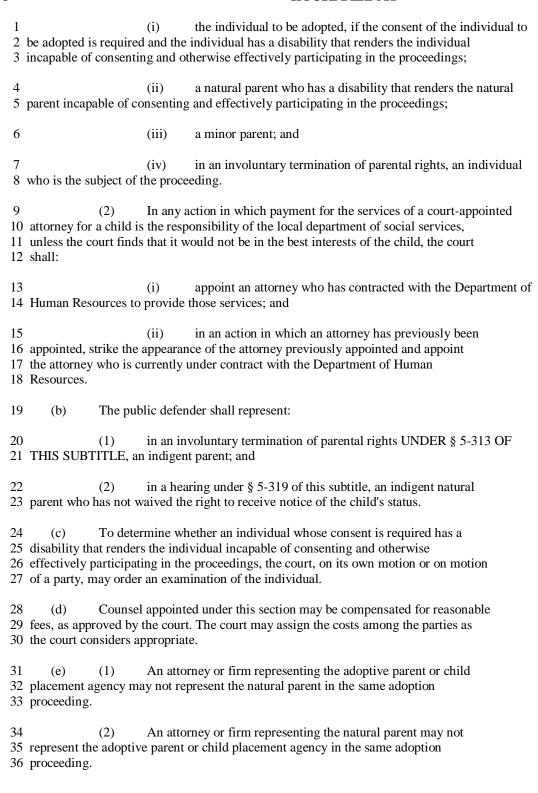
A BILL ENTITLED

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- 2 Family Law Involuntary Termination of Parental Rights Proceedings -
- 3 **Public Defender Representation**
- 4 FOR the purpose of eliminating the duty of the Public Defender to provide legal
- 5 representation to indigent parents in certain involuntary termination of
- 6 parental rights proceedings; and generally relating to the representation of
- 7 indigent parents by the Public Defender in involuntary termination of parental
- 8 rights proceedings.
- 9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
- 10 Article 27A Public Defender
- 11 Section 4
- 12 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 13 (1997 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)
- 14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
- 15 Article Family Law
- 16 Section 5-323
- 17 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 18 (1999 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)
- 19 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
- 20 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:
- 21 Article 27A Public Defender
- 22 4.
- 23 (a) It shall be the primary duty of the Public Defender to provide legal
- 24 representation for any indigent defendant eligible for services under this article.
- 25 Legal representation may be provided by the Public Defender, or, subject to the
- 26 supervision of the Public Defender, by his deputy, by district public defenders, by
- 27 assistant public defenders, or by panel attorneys as hereinafter provided for.



HOUSE BILL 511



- SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect 2 October 1, 2000.