

*ENROLLED BILL*  
*-- Judiciary/Judicial Proceedings --*

Introduced by **Delegates King, Petzold, Barkley, Bozman, Dumais, Gutierrez,  
Heller, Lee, McKee, Montgomery, Patterson, and Simmons**

Read and Examined by Proofreaders:

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this  
\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock, \_\_\_\_ M.

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Speaker.

CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Juvenile Law - Informal Adjustment - Substance Abuse Treatment Program**

3 FOR the purpose of extending the time period for an informal adjustment process  
4 concerning a child who is the subject of a complaint filed with a Department of  
5 Juvenile Services intake officer under certain circumstances; and generally  
6 relating to juvenile law and the informal adjustment process.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
8 Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings  
9 Section 3-8A-10(f)  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (2002 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
13 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

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**Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

2 3-8A-10.

3 (f) (1) During the informal adjustment process, the child shall be subject to  
4 such supervision as the intake officer deems appropriate and if the intake officer  
5 decides to have an intake conference, the child and the child's parent or guardian  
6 shall appear at the intake conference.

7 (2) The informal adjustment process may not exceed 90 days unless:

8 (I) that time is extended by the court; OR

9 (II) *THE INTAKE OFFICER DETERMINES THAT* ADDITIONAL TIME IS  
10 NECESSARY FOR THE CHILD TO COMPLETE A SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT  
11 PROGRAM THAT IS PART OF THE INFORMAL ADJUSTMENT PROCESS.

12 (3) If the victim, the child, and the child's parent or guardian do not  
13 consent to an informal adjustment, the intake officer shall authorize the filing of a  
14 petition or a peace order request or both or deny authorization to file a petition or a  
15 peace order request or both under subsection (g) of this section.

16 (4) If at any time before the completion of an agreed upon informal  
17 adjustment the intake officer believes that the informal adjustment cannot be  
18 completed successfully, the intake officer shall authorize the filing of a petition or a  
19 peace order request or both or deny authorization to file a petition or a peace order  
20 request or both under subsection (g) of this section.

21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
22 October 1, 2006.