

COURTS AND JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS
TITLE 3. COURTS OF GENERAL JURISDICTION -- JURISDICTION/SPECIAL CAUSES
OF ACTION
SUBTITLE 8. JUVENILE CAUSES -- CHILDREN IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE.

Md. COURTS AND JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS Code Ann. § 3-828 (2014)

§ 3-828. Contributing to acts, omissions, or conditions rendering a child in need of assistance

(a) Prohibition. -- An adult may not willfully contribute to, encourage, cause or tend to cause any act, omission, or condition that renders a child in need of assistance.

(b) Child need not be adjudicated a CINA. -- A person may be convicted under this section even if the child is not adjudicated a CINA.

(c) Penalty. -- An adult who violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to a fine not exceeding \$ 2,500 or imprisonment not exceeding 3 years or both.

(d) Petition alleging violation. -- A petition alleging a violation of this section shall be prepared and filed by the State's Attorney.

(e) Standard of proof. -- If an adult is charged under this section, the allegations shall be proved beyond a reasonable doubt.