

RECORDS.

(A) POLICE RECORDS.

A POLICE RECORD CONCERNING A CHILD IS CONFIDENTIAL AND SHALL BE MAINTAINED SEPARATE FROM THOSE OF ADULTS. THEIR CONTENTS MAY NOT BE DIVULGED, BY SUBPOENA OR OTHERWISE, EXCEPT BY ORDER OF THE COURT UPON GOOD CAUSE SHOWN. THIS SUBSECTION DOES NOT PROHIBIT ACCESS TO AND CONFIDENTIAL USE OF THE RECORD IN THE INVESTIGATION AND PROSECUTION OF THE CHILD BY ANY LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY AND THE JUVENILE SERVICES ADMINISTRATION.

(B) JUVENILE COURT RECORDS.

A JUVENILE COURT RECORD PERTAINING TO A CHILD IS CONFIDENTIAL AND ITS CONTENTS MAY NOT BE DIVULGED, BY SUBPOENA OR OTHERWISE, EXCEPT BY ORDER OF THE COURT UPON GOOD CAUSE SHOWN. HOWEVER, THIS SUBSECTION DOES NOT PROHIBIT ACCESS TO AND THE USE OF THE COURT RECORD IN A JUVENILE COURT PROCEEDING INVOLVING THE CHILD, BY PERSONNEL OF THE COURT, THE STATE'S ATTORNEY, THE COUNTY ATTORNEY, COUNSEL FOR THE CHILD, THE JUVENILE SERVICES ADMINISTRATION, OR ANY PROBATION OFFICER.

(C) SEALING OF RECORDS.

THE COURT, ON ITS OWN MOTION OR ON PETITION, AND FOR GOOD CAUSE SHOWN, MAY ORDER THE COURT RECORDS OF A CHILD SEALED, AND SHALL ORDER THEM SEALED WHEN THE CHILD HAS REACHED 21 YEARS OF AGE. IF SEALED, THE COURT RECORDS OF A CHILD MAY NOT BE OPENED, FOR ANY PURPOSE, EXCEPT BY ORDER OF THE COURT UPON GOOD CAUSE SHOWN.

(D) DISPOSITION OF RECORDS.

THE COURT MAY DESTROY THE JUVENILE RECORD OF A CHILD AFTER THE CHILD HAS REACHED 21 YEARS OF AGE AND AT LEAST FIVE YEARS HAVE ELAPSED FROM THE DATE ON WHICH THE CASE INVOLVING THE CHILD WAS CLOSED.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived from Art. 26, §76A, as enacted by Ch. 647, H.B. 1547, Acts of 1973. Only stylistic changes are made. References to "a judge exercising juvenile court jurisdiction in Montgomery County" is proposed for deletion, as this is the definition of a judge under §4-501.