

OR PRIVATE HEALTH CARE INSTITUTION WITH WHICH HE IS AFFILIATED OR TO WHICH THE CHILD IS BROUGHT, AND THOSE PERSONS WORKING UNDER THE CONTROL OR SUPERVISION OF THE PHYSICIAN OR HEALTH CARE INSTITUTION, WHO EXAMINE OR PARTICIPATE IN THE EXAMINATION OF THE CHILD, ARE IMMUNE FROM ANY CIVIL LIABILITY THAT MAY RESULT FROM FAILURE TO OBTAIN CONSENT TO EXAMINE THE CHILD FROM THE PARENT, GUARDIAN, OR CUSTODIAN.

(B) ANY PHYSICIAN LICENSED OR AUTHORIZED TO PRACTICE MEDICINE IN MARYLAND PRESENTED WITH A CHILD PURSUANT TO AN ORDER OF ANY COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION OR BY A REPRESENTATIVE OF A LOCAL DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES, WHO STATES HE HAS THE CHILD IN HIS CUSTODY AS A CHILD WHOM HE HAS REASON TO BELIEVE IS NEGLECTED, WHO HAS EXAMINED A CHILD PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION, AND DETERMINES THAT IMMEDIATE EMERGENCY MEDICAL TREATMENT IS INDICATED, MAY PROVIDE THE TREATMENT TO THE CHILD WITH OR WITHOUT THE CONSENT OF A PARENT, GUARDIAN, OR CUSTODIAN OF THE CHILD. ANY PHYSICIAN OR HEALTH CARE INSTITUTION, AND THOSE PERSONS WORKING UNDER THE CONTROL OR SUPERVISION OF THE PHYSICIAN OR HEALTH CARE INSTITUTION TREATING THE CHILD, ARE IMMUNE FROM ANY CIVIL LIABILITY THAT MAY RESULT FROM THE FAILURE TO OBTAIN CONSENT FOR THE TREATMENT OF THE CHILD FROM THE PARENT, GUARDIAN, OR CUSTODIAN.

(C) IF A CHILD IS EXAMINED OR TREATED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTIONS (A) OR (E) OF THIS SECTION, THE LOCAL DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SOCIAL SERVICES IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PAYMENT OF ALL REASONABLE PHYSICAL AND HEALTH CARE INSTITUTION CHARGES INCURRED AND THE PARENTS OR THE GUARDIAN OF THE CHILD ARE LIABLE TO THE LOCAL DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SOCIAL SERVICES FOR THOSE PAYMENTS.

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(A) EACH LOCAL DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES SHALL SUBMIT ANNUALLY TO THE SOCIAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION A REPORT SUMMARIZING THE STATISTICAL RECORDS OF ALL CASES OF CHILD NEGLECT INCLUDING:

(1) THE NUMBER OF CHILD NEGLECT REPORTS RECEIVED;

(2) THE TIME REQUIRED TO COMPLETE THE INVESTIGATION OF EACH CASE; AND

(3) THE STATUS OF EACH CASE.

(B) THE ANNUAL REPORT REQUIRED TO BE SUBMITTED BY THIS SECTION SHALL NOT CONTAIN ANY NAMES OF PERSONS INVOLVED IN CHILD NEGLECT CASES OR ANY OTHER INFORMATION THAT DISCLOSES THE IDENTITY OF A PARTICULAR INDIVIDUAL INVOLVED IN A CHILD NEGLECT CASE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1978.