

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland read(s) as follows:

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings

3-828.

(a) A police record concerning a child is confidential and shall be maintained separate from those of adults. Its 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 by the Juvenile Services Administration or in the investigation and prosecution of the child by any law enforcement agency.

(b) 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. This subsection does not prohibit access to and the use of the court record in a proceeding in the court involving the child, by personnel of the court, the State's attorney, counsel for the child, or authorized personnel of the Juvenile Services Administration.

(c) The court, on its own motion or on petition, and for good cause shown, may order the court records of a child sealed, and, upon petition or on its own motion, shall order them sealed after 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) THIS SECTION DOES NOT PROHIBIT ACCESS TO OR USE OF ANY JUVENILE COURT RECORD BY THE MARYLAND DIVISION OF PAROLE AND PROBATION WHEN THE DIVISION IS CARRYING OUT ANY OF ITS STATUTORY DUTIES AT THE DIRECTION OF A COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION, IF THE RECORD CONCERNS A CHARGE OR ADJUDICATION OF DELINQUENCY.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1982.

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