

SECTION 2 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1983.

Approved May 24, 1983.

CHAPTER 492

(House Bill 1395)

AN ACT concerning

Child Protection

FOR the purpose of expanding the definition of "neglected child" to include one who is in potential danger; authorizing any person to report suspected child neglect; deleting certain exemptions from the reporting requirement; protecting certain persons from civil liability, or criminal penalty for reporting suspected child neglect; clarifying the requirements regarding the confidentiality of child protection records and reports; expanding the scope of the child abuse statute to include children who are in potential danger; and generally relating to child neglect and child abuse.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 72A - Parent and Child
Section 4(d), 6(c), and 9
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1978 Replacement Volume and 1982 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments
Section 35A(b)7.
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1982 Replacement Volume and 1982 Supplement)

BY renumbering

Article 88A - Social Services Administration
Section 6(b) through (d), respectively
to be Section 6(c) through (e), respectively
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1979 Replacement Volume and 1982 Supplement)