

~~REPORTS, OR REPORTS AND REPORTS FILED UNDER AN ANIMAL HEALTH PROGRAM ESTABLISHED BY THE SECRETARY; IN A MANNER THAT PROTECTS THE IDENTITY OF THE ANIMAL OWNER.~~

~~(2) (I) THIS SUBSECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO A DISCLOSURE BY IF THE SECRETARY DETERMINES THAT THE DISCLOSURE IS NECESSARY TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC HEALTH OR PREVENT THE SPREAD OF AN INFECTIOUS OR CONTAGIOUS DISEASE, THE SECRETARY MAY DISCLOSE THE IDENTITY OF AN ANIMAL OWNER TO A PERSON IN INTEREST, AS DEFINED BY THE SECRETARY, OR TO A GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY PERFORMING ITS LAWFUL DUTIES IDENTIFYING INFORMATION.~~

~~(II) IN DETERMINING WHETHER DISCLOSURE IS NECESSARY TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC HEALTH OR PREVENT THE SPREAD OF AN INFECTIOUS OR CONTAGIOUS DISEASE, THE SECRETARY SHALL CONSULT WITH THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE WHERE THE SECRETARY DETERMINES THAT THE DISCLOSURE IS NECESSARY TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC HEALTH OR TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF AN INFECTIOUS OR CONTAGIOUS DISEASE.~~

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2005.

Approved May 10, 2005.

CHAPTER 359

(House Bill 163)

AN ACT concerning

Child Care Centers and Family Day Care Homes – Employees – Background Checks

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Child Care Administration of the Department of Human Resources to disclose to the operator of a child care center or to a family day care provider reports and records concerning child abuse and neglect for a certain purpose; requiring the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to provide an initial and a revised statement of a certain applicant's State criminal record to the Child Care Administration; requiring the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to submit a certain printed statement concerning a certain employee to the Child Care Administration; specifying that certain requirements of this Act apply only to certain employees; requiring that each employee of a child care center apply to the Child Care Administration, on or before a certain date, for a child abuse and neglect clearance; authorizing the Child Care Administration to prohibit the operator of a child care center from employing a certain individual; requiring the operator of a child care center to immediately notify the Child Care Administration of a certain criminal history records check of an employee; and generally relating to child care centers and family day care homes.