

(viii) To the director of a licensed child care facility or licensed child placement agency for the purpose of carrying out appropriate personnel actions following a report of suspected child neglect or abuse alleged to have been committed by an employee of the facility or agency and involving a child who is currently or who was previously under that facility's or agency's care; or

(ix) To the Office of the Independent Juvenile Justice Monitor established under Article 49D of the Code; AND

(3) MAY BE DISCLOSED BY THE CHILD CARE ADMINISTRATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES TO THE OPERATOR OF A CHILD CARE CENTER THAT IS REQUIRED TO BE LICENSED OR TO HOLD A LETTER OF COMPLIANCE UNDER TITLE 5, SUBTITLE 5, PART VII OF THE FAMILY LAW ARTICLE OR TO A FAMILY DAY CARE PROVIDER WHO IS REQUIRED TO BE REGISTERED UNDER TITLE 5, SUBTITLE 5, PART V OF THE FAMILY LAW ARTICLE FOR THE PURPOSE OF DETERMINING THE SUITABILITY OF AN INDIVIDUAL FOR EMPLOYMENT IN THE CHILD CARE CENTER OR FAMILY DAY CARE HOME.

(c) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit:

(1) The publication, for administrative or research purposes, of statistics or other data so classified as to prevent the identification of particular persons or cases;

(2) The Department of Human Resources from obtaining an individual's financial records from a fiduciary institution in the course of verifying the individual's eligibility for public assistance; or

(3) Disclosures as permitted by § 1-303 of the Financial Institutions Article.

(d) The Department of Human Resources shall issue regulations governing access to and use of confidential information which is in the possession of the Department or local departments of social services.

(e) Any offense against the provisions of this section shall be a misdemeanor and shall be punishable by a fine not exceeding \$500 or imprisonment for not exceeding 90 days, or both, in the discretion of the court.

#### **Article - Family Law**

5-560.

(a) In this Part VI of this subtitle, the following words have the meanings indicated.

(b) "Conviction" means a plea or verdict of guilty or a plea of nolo contendere.

(c) "Department" means the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services.

(d) (1) "Employee" means a person that for compensation is employed to work in a facility identified in § 5-561 of this subtitle and who: