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(e) The local department, the appropriate law enforcement agencies, [and] the State's Attorney within each county and Baltimore City, THE DEPARTMENT'S OFFICE RESPONSIBLE FOR CHILD CARE REGULATION, AND THE LOCAL HEALTH OFFICER, shall enter into a written agreement that specifies standard operating procedures for the investigation and prosecution of reported cases of suspected abuse.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That all persons who are, as of _____, 198_, classified employees of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and whose positions are transferred to the Department of Human Resources by this Act are hereby transferred to the Department of Human Resources, effective _____, 198_, without any change or loss of rights or status, and shall retain their merit system and retirement system status, except as otherwise specifically provided in this Act.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, except as expressly provided to the contrary in this Act, any transaction affected by or flowing from any statute here amended, repealed, or transferred, and validly entered into before the effective date of this Act and every right, duty, or interest following from it remains valid after the effective date of this Act and may be terminated, completed, consummated, or enforced pursuant to law.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, except as otherwise provided in this Act, all permits and licenses, applications for permits and licenses, rules and regulations, proposed rules and regulations, standards and guidelines, proposed standards and guidelines, orders and other directives, forms, plans, memberships, special funds, appropriations, grants, applications for grants, contracts, properties, investigations, administrative and judicial proceedings, rights to sue and be sued, and all other duties and responsibilities associated with those functions transferred by this Act shall continue in effect under the Secretary of Human Resources or the appropriate board, council, or other unit within the Department, until completed, withdrawn, cancelled, modified, or otherwise changed pursuant to law.

SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That if any provisions of this Act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid for any reason in a court of competent jurisdiction, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or any other application of this act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and for this purpose the provisions of this Act are declared severable.