to provide certain notices to certain persons concerning child abuse and neglect investigations; providing for certain administrative hearings concerning certain findings in child abuse and neglect investigations under certain circumstances; providing certain procedures for hearings involving child abuse and neglect investigations; requiring a certain review under certain circumstances; providing for the review of certain reports and records by certain persons under certain circumstances; allowing certain reports and records to be disclosed to certain persons under certain circumstances; establishing certain procedures for certain persons to request a certain review by an administrative law judge of certain child abuse and neglect reports and records for certain purposes; providing for the correction of certain findings under certain circumstances; requiring that certain regulations be adopted in a certain manner; defining certain terms; making a stylistic change; providing for a certain contingency; and generally relating to records and reports of child abuse and neglect and adult protective services.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article 88A - Social Services Administration

Section 6

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1991 Replacement Volume and 1992 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article - Family Law

Section -5 701(c-1) and 14-310

Section 5-706.1 and 5-706.2

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1991 Replacement Volume and 1992 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Family Law

Section 5-701, 5-707(a), and 5-715

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1991 Replacement Volume and 1992 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Family Law

5-701.

(C-1) (1) "CENTRAL REGISTRY" MEANS ANY FILE, DATABASE, RECORD, OR OTHER INFORMATION SOURCE THAT:

(I) IS MADE OR KEPT BY A LOCAL DEPARTMENT OR THE DEPARTMENT; AND