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CHAPTER 281

(House Bill 520)

AN ACT concerning

Child Abuse and Neglect – Removal of Names from Central Registry

FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Human Resources to remove without the necessity of a request the names of certain individuals in a certain central registry of child abuse and neglect within a certain time period under certain circumstances; repealing a certain contingency relating to certain proposed decisions and orders issued by an administrative law judge directing the Department to amend, modify, or expunge certain findings of child abuse and neglect; and generally relating to child abuse and neglect.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Family Law

Section 5-715

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1991 Replacement Volume and 1993 Supplement)

BY repealing

Chapter 318 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1993

Section 2 and 4

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

Article – Family Law

5-715.

(a) The Secretary of Human Resources shall adopt regulations necessary to protect the rights of persons suspected of abuse or neglect.

(b) Before the name of a person who is suspected of abuse or neglect is entered in a central registry, the person shall be given notice.

(c) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (3) of this subsection, on request by a person suspected of abuse or neglect, the Department shall hold an administrative hearing for the purpose of allowing the person to appeal the entry of the person's name in a central registry.

(2) The hearing shall be held in the county in which the person suspected of abuse or neglect resides.