for requesting a certain contested case hearing; providing that a certain individual may request a certain conference in the event of a finding of unsubstantiated child abuse or neglect; authorizing a certain individual to request a contested case hearing under certain circumstances; establishing certain appeal rights; authorizing requiring the Social Services Administration of the Department of Human Resources to adopt certain regulations; repealing the authority of the Department to adopt certain regulations regarding a central registry; requiring the local departments of social services to provide certain appeal rights to certain individuals; authorizing a central registry to contain certain information except under certain circumstances; authorizing the Department of Human Resources or a local department of social services to identify an individual as responsible for abuse or neglect in a central registry under certain circumstances; requiring the Department to remove the identification of an individual as responsible for abuse or neglect from the name of the individual under certain circumstances; establishing that, except under certain circumstances, information in a central registry may not be used as a sole basis for responding to certain requests; establishing a certain criminal penalty; authorizing the Secretary of Human Resources to adopt certain regulations; making this Act an emergency measure certain stylistic and clarifying changes; defining certain terms; and generally relating to child abuse and neglect.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 88A - Department of Human Resources

Section 6(b)

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BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

<u>Article 88A - Department of Human Resources</u>

Section 6(e)

Annotated Code of Maryland

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BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Family Law

Section 5-701, 5-706.1 and, 5-707, and 5-714

Annotated Code of Maryland

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BY repealing

Article - Family Law

Section 5-706.2, 5-714, and 5-715 5-706.2 and 5-715

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