

(6) (V) To a parent or other person who has permanent or temporary care and custody of a child, if provisions are made for the protection of the identity of the reporter or any other person whose life or safety is likely to be endangered by disclosing the information;

(7) (VI) To the appropriate public school superintendent for the purpose of carrying out appropriate personnel actions following a report of suspected child abuse involving a student committed by a public school employee in that school system; or

(8) (VII) 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 or agency's care.

(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

5-701.

(a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

(b) "Abuse" means:

(1) the physical or mental injury of a child by any parent or other person who has permanent or temporary care or custody or responsibility for supervision of a child, or by any household or family member, under circumstances that indicate that the child's health or welfare is harmed or at substantial risk of being harmed; or

(2) sexual abuse of a child, whether physical injuries are sustained or not.

(c) "Administration" means the Social Services Administration of the Department.

(D) "CENTRAL REGISTRY" MEANS ANY COMPONENT OF THE DEPARTMENT'S CONFIDENTIAL COMPUTERIZED DATABASE THAT CONTAINS INFORMATION REGARDING CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT INVESTIGATIONS.

[(d)] (E) "Child" means any individual under the age of 18 years.

[(e)] (F) "Court" means:

(1) the circuit court for a county sitting as a juvenile court; or

(2) in Montgomery County, the District Court sitting as a juvenile court.

[(f)] (G) (1) "Educator or human service worker" means any professional employee of any correctional, public, parochial or private educational, health, juvenile service, social or social service agency, institution, or licensed facility.