

Council on Child Abuse and Neglect, and the State Child Fatality Review Team to coordinate certain activities; authorizing local governments to establish local citizens review panels; establishing the membership of the local panels; specifying the duties of the local panels; establishing the State Council on Child Abuse and Neglect; providing that the State Council is part of the Office for Children, Youth, and Families for budgetary and administrative purposes; establishing the membership of the Council; specifying the terms of certain members of the Council; requiring the Governor to select the chairperson of the Council; requiring the Council to meet at a certain frequency; prohibiting the members from receiving compensation; authorizing reimbursement for certain expenses; authorizing the Council to employ a staff; establishing committees; establishing the duties of the Council; authorizing the Council to request that certain actions be taken by local citizens review panels; prohibiting certain persons from disclosing certain information; authorizing the Special Secretary for Children, Youth, and Families to impose certain civil penalties; requiring State and local government units to provide certain information to the Council; requiring certain annual reports; requiring a health care provider to disclose a medical record without the authorization of the person in interest to a child fatality review team; requiring the office of the Chief Medical Examiner to notify the chairperson of a local child fatality review team under certain circumstances; establishing the State Child Fatality Review Team; providing that the State Team is part of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene for budgetary and administrative purposes; establishing the membership of the State Team; providing for staffing; requiring the Governor State Team to select the chairperson of the State Team; prohibiting the members from receiving compensation; authorizing reimbursement for certain expenses; requiring the State Team to meet at a certain frequency; establishing the purpose and duties of the State Team; establishing local child fatality review teams; establishing the membership of the local teams; ~~providing for staffing;~~ requiring each local team to elect a chairperson; establishing the purpose and duties of the local teams; ~~requiring the local teams to take certain actions in response to a report of an unexpected child death;~~ requiring certain persons to provide a local team with certain information and records; making certain information confidential; defining certain terms; and generally relating to child safety and welfare.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 Article 88A - Department of Human Resources
 Section 6
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (1998 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 Article - Family Law
 Section 5-535, 5-538(a), 5-539, and 5-546
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (1999 Replacement Volume)