(1)   The publication, for administrative or research purposes, of statistics or other data so classified as to prevent the identification of particular persons or cases;

(2)   The Department of Human Resources from obtaining an individual's financial records from a fiduciary institution in the course of verifying the individual's eligibility for public assistance; or

(3)   Disclosures as permitted by § 1–303 of the Financial Institutions Article.

(d)   The Department of Human Resources shall issue regulations governing access to and use of confidential information which is in the possession of the Department or local departments of social services.

(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

5–535.

There is a State [Citizen] CITIZENS REVIEW Board [of Review of Foster Care] for Children.

5–538.

(a)   The State Board shall meet [at least twice each year] NOT LESS THAN ONCE EVERY 3 MONTHS and more frequently on the call of the chairman.

5–539.

(a)   (1)   The State Board may adopt policies and procedures that:

(i)   relate to the functions of the local boards; and

(ii)   are consistent with the goals set forth in § 5–544 of this subtitle.

(2)   If the Administration concurs, the State Board may establish categories of children in out–of–home placement for whom a satisfactory permanent placement has been made and who may be exempt from review by the local boards.

(b)   The State Board shall:

(1)   provide a training program for members of the local boards AND LOCAL CITIZENS REVIEW PANELS;

(2)   review and coordinate the activities of the local boards;

(3)   adopt policies and procedures that relate to reports and any other information that is required for any public or private agency or institution;

(4)   make recommendations to the General Assembly that relate to out–of–home placement policies and procedures; and