

(E) MEMBERS OF A TEAM, PERSONS ATTENDING A TEAM MEETING, AND PERSONS WHO PRESENT INFORMATION TO A TEAM MAY NOT BE QUESTIONED IN ANY CIVIL OR CRIMINAL PROCEEDING REGARDING INFORMATION PRESENTED IN OR OPINIONS FORMED AS A RESULT OF A MEETING. THIS SUBSECTION DOES NOT PROHIBIT A PERSON FROM TESTIFYING TO INFORMATION OBTAINED INDEPENDENTLY OF THE TEAM OR THAT IS PUBLIC INFORMATION.

(F) (1) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, INFORMATION, DOCUMENTS, AND RECORDS OF THE STATE TEAM OR OF A LOCAL TEAM ARE NOT SUBJECT TO SUBPOENA, DISCOVERY, OR INTRODUCTION INTO EVIDENCE IN ANY CIVIL OR CRIMINAL PROCEEDING.

(2) INFORMATION, DOCUMENTS, AND RECORDS OTHERWISE AVAILABLE FROM OTHER SOURCES ARE NOT IMMUNE FROM SUBPOENA, DISCOVERY, OR INTRODUCTION INTO EVIDENCE THROUGH THOSE SOURCES SOLELY BECAUSE THEY WERE PRESENTED DURING PROCEEDINGS OF THE TEAM OR ARE MAINTAINED BY A TEAM.

(G) VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION IS A MISDEMEANOR AND IS PUNISHABLE BY A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$500 OR IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING 90 DAYS OR BOTH.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1999.

Approved May 13, 1999.

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## CHAPTER 356

### (House Bill 958)

AN ACT concerning

#### **Child Welfare - Citizen Review Panels and Child Fatality Review Teams**

FOR the purpose of authorizing certain confidential reports and records concerning child abuse and neglect to be disclosed to the State Council on Child Abuse and Neglect, the State Citizens Review Board for Children, or their designees, or a child fatality review team under certain circumstances; renaming the State Citizen Board of Review of Foster Care for Children to be the State Citizens Review Board for Children; expanding the duties of the State Citizens Review Board for Children to include training local citizens review panels and examining the policies and procedures of State and local agencies and certain specific cases to evaluate the extent to which State and local agencies are effectively discharging their child protection responsibilities; authorizing the State Board to add certain members for the purpose of performing certain duties; authorizing the State Board to designate certain local teams or panels to conduct reviews of specific cases; requiring the State Board to develop certain protocols governing local citizens review panels; requiring the State Board to prepare and make available a certain annual report; requiring the State