

neglect; requiring a local department that receives a report concerning certain ~~out-of-state~~ child abuse or neglect to take certain actions; making certain clarifying and conforming changes; defining a certain term; and generally relating to child abuse and neglect.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings

Section 5-620

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2002 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Family Law

Section 5-701(b), (e), (o), (r), and (u) and 5-707(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1999 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Family Law

Section 5-701(a), 5-703, 5-704, 5-705, 5-706, and 5-708

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1999 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Family Law

Section 5-705.1

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1999 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings

5-620.

Any person who in good faith makes or participates in making a report of abuse or neglect under § 5-704 [or], § 5-705, OR § 5-705.1 of the Family Law Article or participates in an investigation or a resulting judicial proceeding is immune from any civil liability or criminal penalty that would otherwise result from making or participating in a report of abuse or neglect or participating in an investigation or a resulting judicial proceeding.

Article – Family Law

5-701.

(a) [In] EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN § 5-705.1 OF THIS SUBTITLE, IN this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.