

(h) Within 10 days after the local department or law enforcement agency receives the first notice of suspected abuse OF A CHILD WHO LIVES IN THIS STATE THAT IS ALLEGED TO HAVE OCCURRED IN THIS STATE, the local department or law enforcement agency shall report to the local State's Attorney the preliminary findings of the investigation.

(i) Within 5 business days after completion of the investigation of suspected abuse OF A CHILD WHO LIVES IN THIS STATE THAT IS ALLEGED TO HAVE OCCURRED IN THIS STATE, the local department and the appropriate law enforcement agency, if that agency participated in the investigation, shall make a complete written report of its findings to the local State's Attorney.

(J) PROMPTLY AFTER RECEIVING A REPORT OF SUSPECTED ABUSE OR NEGLECT OF A CHILD WHO LIVES IN THIS STATE THAT IS ALLEGED TO HAVE OCCURRED OUTSIDE OF THIS STATE, THE LOCAL DEPARTMENT SHALL:

(1) FORWARD THE REPORT TO THE APPROPRIATE AGENCY OUTSIDE OF THIS STATE THAT IS AUTHORIZED TO RECEIVE AND INVESTIGATE REPORTS OF SUSPECTED ABUSE OR NEGLECT;

(2) COOPERATE TO THE EXTENT REQUESTED WITH THE OUT-OF-STATE AGENCY INVESTIGATING THE REPORT; AND

(3) IF DETERMINED APPROPRIATE BY THE LOCAL DEPARTMENT:

(I) INTERVIEW THE CHILD TO ASSESS WHETHER THE CHILD IS SAFE; AND

(II) PROVIDE SERVICES TO THE CHILD AND THE CHILD'S FAMILY.

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(a) Subject to federal and State law, the Administration shall provide by regulation adopted in accordance with Title 10, Subtitle 1 of the State Government Article:

(1) procedures for protecting the confidentiality of reports and records made in accordance with this subtitle;

(2) conditions under which information may be released;

(3) conditions for determining in cases whether abuse, neglect, or sexual abuse is indicated, ruled out, or unsubstantiated; and

(4) procedures for the appeal processes provided in this subtitle.

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Any person who makes or participates in making a report of abuse or neglect under § 5-704 [or], § 5-705, OR § 5-705.1 of this subtitle or participates in an investigation or a resulting judicial proceeding shall have the immunity described under § 5-620 of the Courts and Judicial Proceedings Article from civil liability or criminal penalty.