

“any state or local government” is substituted for the former reference to an employee of “the State [or], another state or local government” for brevity.

Also in subsection (b)(2) of this section, the former reference to “discharg[ing] responsibilities” is deleted as surplusage.

Also in subsection (b)(2) of this section, the reference to “child welfare services” programs is added for clarity. This addition is called to the attention of the General Assembly.

Subsection (c) of this section is revised in standard language used to state a penalty.

In subsection (c) of this section, the reference to a person being subject to a certain penalty “on conviction” is added to state expressly that which only was implied in the former law, and for consistency with other penalty provisions in this and other revised articles of the Code.

Also in subsection (c) of this section, the former reference to the penalty being “in the discretion of the court” is deleted as implicit in setting a maximum penalty.

Defined terms: “County” § 1-101

“Person” § 1-101

“State” § 1-101

#### 1-202. CONFIDENTIALITY OF INFORMATION — CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT REPORTS AND RECORDS.

##### (A) PROHIBITED ACT.

EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN TITLE 5, SUBTITLES 7 AND 12 OF THE FAMILY LAW ARTICLE, § 1-203 OF THIS SUBTITLE, AND THIS SECTION, A PERSON MAY NOT DISCLOSE A REPORT OR RECORD CONCERNING CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT.

##### (B) DISCLOSURE REQUIRED.

A REPORT OR RECORD CONCERNING CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT SHALL BE DISCLOSED:

(1) UNDER A COURT ORDER;

(2) UNDER AN ORDER OF AN ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE, IF:

(I) THE REQUEST FOR DISCLOSURE CONCERNS A CASE PENDING BEFORE THE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS; AND

(II) PROVISIONS ARE MADE TO COMPLY WITH OTHER STATE OR FEDERAL CONFIDENTIALITY LAWS AND TO PROTECT THE IDENTITY OF THE REPORTER OR OTHER PERSON WHOSE LIFE OR SAFETY IS LIKELY TO BE ENDANGERED BY THE DISCLOSURE; OR