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(b) Except as otherwise provided in Title 5, Subtitles 7 and 12 of the Family Law Article, and § 6A of this subtitle, and this section, all records and reports concerning child abuse or neglect are confidential, and their unauthorized disclosure is a criminal offense subject to the penalty set out in subsection (e) of this section. Reports or records concerning child abuse or neglect:

(2) May be disclosed on request:

(vii) 1. To the appropriate public school superintendent OR THE PRINCIPAL OR EQUIVALENT EMPLOYEE OF A NONPUBLIC SCHOOL THAT HOLDS A CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL FROM THE STATE OR IS REGISTERED WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION for the purpose of carrying out appropriate personnel or administrative actions following a report of suspected child abuse involving a student committed by:

~~1.~~ A. A public school employee in that school system;

~~2.~~ B. AN EMPLOYEE OF THAT NONPUBLIC SCHOOL;

[2.] ~~3.~~ C. An independent contractor who supervises or works directly with students in that school system OR THAT NONPUBLIC SCHOOL; or

[3.] ~~4.~~ D. An employee of an independent contractor, including a bus driver or bus assistant, who supervises or works directly with students in that school system OR THAT NONPUBLIC SCHOOL; AND

2. IF THE REPORT CONCERNS SUSPECTED CHILD ABUSE INVOLVING A STUDENT COMMITTED BY AN EMPLOYEE, INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR, OR EMPLOYEE OF AN INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR DESCRIBED IN ITEM 1 OF THIS ITEM AND EMPLOYED BY A NONPUBLIC SCHOOL UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BALTIMORE, THE ARCHDIOCESE OF WASHINGTON, OR THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF WILMINGTON, TO THE APPROPRIATE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS;

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Human Services

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