

(1) MAY NOT DISCLOSE PERSONAL IDENTIFIERS; AND

(2) SHALL ENSURE THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF THE INFORMATION ABOUT THE CHILDREN UNDER ITS RESPONSIBILITY.

~~(H)~~ (G) ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 1 OF EACH YEAR, THE OFFICE, IN COORDINATION WITH THE COOPERATING DEPARTMENTS, SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON THE PROGRESS OF IMPLEMENTING THE SYSTEM FOR OUTCOMES EVALUATION.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(a) The Governor's Office for Children and the departments that license residential child care programs in the State, in cooperation with representatives of residential child care programs and other advocacy groups for children, shall:

(1) develop the regulations required under § 8-1002 of the Human Services Article, as enacted by Section 1 of this Act; and

(2) develop recommendations for a process and standards for certification of the direct care staff of residential child care programs, taking into consideration the needs of children served by each licensing agency.

(b) On or before January 1, 2008, the Governor's Office for Children shall report, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the General Assembly on the recommendations for the process and standards for certification of direct care staff.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2007.

May 17, 2007

The Honorable Michael E. Busch
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Dear Mr. Speaker: