

SECTION 7. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Human Services

1-202.

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

(1) UNDER A COURT ORDER; OR

(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.

(C) A REPORT OR RECORD CONCERNING CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT:

(1) MAY BE DISCLOSED ON REQUEST TO:

(I) PERSONNEL OF THE SOCIAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION OR A LOCAL DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES, LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL, AND MEMBERS OF MULTIDISCIPLINARY CASE CONSULTATION TEAMS, INCLUDING AN ADDICTION SPECIALIST AS DEFINED IN TITLE 5, SUBTITLE 12 OF THE FAMILY LAW ARTICLE OR § 5-314 OF THIS ARTICLE, WHO ARE INVESTIGATING A REPORT OF KNOWN OR SUSPECTED CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT OR PROVIDING SERVICES TO OR ASSESSING A CHILD OR FAMILY THAT IS THE SUBJECT OF THE REPORT;

(II) LOCAL OR STATE OFFICIALS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES, OR CHILD CARE, FOSTER CARE, OR ADOPTION LICENSING, APPROVAL, OR REGULATIONS, AS NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THEIR OFFICIAL FUNCTIONS;

(III) THE STATE COUNCIL ON CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT OR ITS DESIGNEE, THE STATE CITIZENS REVIEW BOARD FOR CHILDREN OR ITS DESIGNEE, OR A CHILD FATALITY REVIEW TEAM, AS NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THEIR OFFICIAL FUNCTIONS;

(IV) A PERSON WHO IS THE ALLEGED ABUSER OR NEGLECTOR, IF THAT PERSON IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CHILD'S WELFARE AND PROVISIONS ARE MADE FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE IDENTITY OF THE REPORTER OR ANY OTHER PERSON WHOSE LIFE OR SAFETY IS LIKELY TO BE ENDANGERED BY DISCLOSING THE INFORMATION;