

(6) REPORT ANNUALLY TO THE GOVERNOR AND THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON THE STATUS OF INFANT MORTALITY IN MARYLAND, HOW MARYLAND COMPARES TO OTHER STATES AND OTHER NATIONS, AND MARYLAND'S PROGRESS IN MEETING THE HEALTH OBJECTIVES OF THE NATION ESTABLISHED BY NATIONAL CONSENSUS THROUGH THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE.

35.

(A) ~~EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, ANY RECORD OR FILE ASSOCIATED WITH A CHART REVIEW CONDUCTED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 49D, § 34 OF THE CODE ARE CONFIDENTIAL AND ARE NOT DISCOVERABLE AND ARE NOT ADMISSIBLE IN EVIDENCE IN ANY CIVIL ACTION ARISING OUT OF MATTERS THAT ARE BEING REVIEWED AND EVALUATED BY THE STATE COMMISSION ON INFANT MORTALITY.~~

(B) ~~THE PROVISIONS OF SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION DO NOT APPLY ACCESS TO ANY RECORD OR FILE ASSOCIATED WITH A CHART REVIEW CONDUCTED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 49D, § 34 OF THE CODE § 34 OF THIS SUBTITLE IF THE RECORD OR FILE WOULD OTHERWISE BE SUBJECT TO DISCOVERY AND INTRODUCTION INTO EVIDENCE IN A CIVIL TRIAL. IS SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF TITLE 4, SUBTITLE 3 OF THE HEALTH - GENERAL ARTICLE.~~

36.

(A) SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE GOVERNOR AND AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET, THE COMMISSION SHALL HIRE A DIRECTOR.

(B) THE DIRECTOR SHALL:

(1) UTILIZE THE SERVICES OF THE STAFF WITHIN THE OFFICE OF CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES; AND

(2) SUBJECT TO THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMISSION AND AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET, CONTRACT FOR THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1991.

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