

(6) THE PRIOR ADJUDICATION AS A CHILD IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE OF THE ALLEGEDLY ABUSED OR NEGLECTED CHILD, THE CHILD'S SIBLINGS, OR OTHER CHILDREN IN THE HOUSEHOLD, FAMILY, OR CARE OF THE ALLEGED ABUSER OR NEGLECTOR; AND

(6) (7) ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE ALLEGED CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT AND THE INVESTIGATION OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES IF THE DIRECTOR OR THE SECRETARY DETERMINES THAT THE DISCLOSURE IS CONSISTENT WITH THE PUBLIC INTEREST.

(E) (1) THE DIRECTOR OR THE SECRETARY MAY NOT:

(I) DISCLOSE THE IDENTITY OF OR PROVIDE AN IDENTIFYING DESCRIPTION OF THE PERSON WHO MADE THE REPORT;

(II) IDENTIFY THE NAME OF THE ABUSED OR NEGLECTED CHILD'S SIBLINGS, PARENT, INDIVIDUAL LEGALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CHILD, OR OTHER HOUSEHOLD OR FAMILY MEMBERS, OTHER THAN THE ALLEGED ABUSER OR NEGLECTOR; ~~OR~~

(III) DISCLOSE A MEDICAL REPORT, EXCEPT AS RELATED TO THE CAUSE OF THE CHILD'S INJURY OR DEATH AS A RESULT OF THE ABUSE OR NEGLECT; OR

(IV) EXCEPT FOR THE INFORMATION IN SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION, DISCLOSE THE FILE RELATING TO THE ALLEGEDLY ABUSED OR NEGLECTED CHILD.

(2) NOTWITHSTANDING TITLE 4, SUBTITLE 3 OF THE HEALTH - GENERAL ARTICLE, THE DIRECTOR OR THE SECRETARY MAY DISCLOSE A MEDICAL REPORT RELATED TO THE CAUSE OF THE CHILD'S INJURY OR DEATH AS A RESULT OF THE ABUSE OR NEGLECT.

(F) THE SECRETARY, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE LOCAL DIRECTORS OF SOCIAL SERVICES, SHALL DEVELOP A FORM TO DISCLOSE THE INFORMATION DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION.

(G) THIS SECTION MAY NOT BE CONSTRUED AS GRANTING A RIGHT TO ANY PERSON TO RECEIVE THE INFORMATION DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1998.

Approved May 12, 1998.