

(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 ~~ADULT~~ 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.

CHAPTER 406

(House Bill 59)

AN ACT concerning

Child Abuse or Neglect - ~~Directors of Local Departments of Social Services~~ - Disclosure of Information

FOR the purpose of authorizing the director of a local department of social services or the Secretary of Human Resources to disclose certain information concerning child abuse or neglect under certain circumstances; requiring the director or the Secretary to consult with certain law enforcement agencies and ~~the Secretary of Human Resources~~ certain persons; prohibiting the director or the Secretary from disclosing certain information; requiring the Secretary in consultation with the local directors of social services to develop a certain form; providing for the construction of this Act; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the authority of the director of a local department of social services or the Secretary