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**FISCAL NOTE**

Senate Bill 810

(Senator Jimeno)

Judicial Proceedings

Judiciary

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**Child Abuse - Reports - Public School Contractors and Employees of  
Contractors**

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This bill authorizes the disclosure of reports or records concerning child abuse or neglect to public school superintendents for personnel or administrative actions following a report of suspected child abuse committed by an independent contractor or an employee of an independent contractor who supervises or works directly with students.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** This bill would not directly affect governmental operations or finances.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** Generally, records and reports concerning child abuse or neglect are confidential, and their unauthorized disclosure is a criminal offense. Such records may be disclosed on request to the appropriate public school superintendent for the purpose of carrying out appropriate personnel actions following a report of suspected child abuse involving a student committed by a public school employee.

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## **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** HB 1240 (Delegate Love) – Judiciary.

**Information Source(s):** Department of Education; Maryland Association of Boards of Education; Department of Human Resources, Department of Legislative Services

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