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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

Child Abuse and Neglect – Reports and Records – Disclosure to Division of Parole and Probation

FOR the purpose of requiring the disclosure of a report or record of child abuse or
neglect to the Division of Parole and Probation in the Department of Public
Safety and Correctional Services if the local department of social services has
reason to believe or learns that an individual who is living in or has a regular
presence in a child's home is under the supervision of the Division of Parole and
Probation; and generally relating to disclosure of reports and records of child
abuse and neglect.

- 11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
- 12 Article Human Services
- 13 Section 1–202(b)
- 14 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 15 (2007 Volume and 2009 Supplement)
- 16 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF 17 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:
- 18 Article Human Services
 19 1–202.
 20 (b) A report or record concerning child abuse or neglect shall be disclosed:
- 21 (1) under a court order;
- 22 (2) under an order of an administrative law judge, if:



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1 (i) the request for disclosure concerns a case pending before the 2 Office of Administrative Hearings; and

3 (ii) provisions are made to comply with other State or federal 4 confidentiality laws and to protect the identity of the reporter or other person whose 5 life or safety is likely to be endangered by the disclosure; [or]

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(3) on a written request, to the Baltimore City Health Department:

7 (i) if the Baltimore City Health Department is providing 8 treatment or care to a child who is the subject of a report of child abuse or neglect, for 9 a purpose relevant to the provision of the treatment or care;

10 (ii) if the record or report concerns a child convicted of a crime 11 or adjudicated delinquent for an act that caused a death or near fatality; or

12 (iii) if the record or report concerns a victim of a crime of 13 violence, as defined in § 14–101 of the Criminal Law Article, who is a child residing in 14 Baltimore City, for the purpose of developing appropriate programs and policies aimed 15 at reducing violence against children in Baltimore City; **OR**

16 (4) TO THE DIVISION OF PAROLE AND PROBATION IN THE 17 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES IF, AS A 18 RESULT OF A REPORT OR INVESTIGATION OF SUSPECTED CHILD ABUSE OR 19 NEGLECT, THE LOCAL DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES HAS REASON TO 20 BELIEVE OR LEARNS THAT AN INDIVIDUAL WHO LIVES IN OR HAS A REGULAR 21 PRESENCE IN A CHILD'S HOME IS UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE DIVISION OF 22 PAROLE AND PROBATION.

23 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
 24 October 1, 2010.