

# SENATE BILL 1096

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By: **Senator Nathan–Pulliam**

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Child Abuse and Neglect – Information Regarding Parents Responsible for**  
3 **Child Abuse or Neglect**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the circumstances under which the Executive Director of the  
5 Social Services Administration is required to provide to the Secretary of Health and  
6 Mental Hygiene certain information relating to individuals who, under certain  
7 circumstances, have their parental rights terminated or have been identified as  
8 responsible for child abuse or neglect; removing a time limitation on a certain  
9 requirement that the Secretary provide certain birth record information to the  
10 Executive Director; and generally relating to information regarding parents  
11 responsible for child abuse or neglect.

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
13 Article – Family Law  
14 Section 5–715  
15 Annotated Code of Maryland  
16 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

17 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
18 Article – Health – General  
19 Section 4–222  
20 Annotated Code of Maryland  
21 (2015 Replacement Volume)

22 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
23 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

24 **Article – Family Law**

25 5–715.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (a) The Executive Director of the Administration shall provide the Secretary of  
2 Health and Mental Hygiene with identifying information regarding individuals who, as to  
3 any child, have had their parental rights terminated under [§ 5–322 or] § 5–323 of this title  
4 [and] OR have been identified as responsible for abuse or neglect in a central registry as  
5 described in [§ 5–714(d)] **§ 5–714(D)(1)** of this subtitle.

6 (b) If in accordance with § 4–222 of the Health – General Article, the Secretary  
7 provides to the Executive Director birth record information for a child born to an individual  
8 whose identifying information has been provided under subsection (a) of this section, the  
9 Executive Director shall:

10 (1) verify that the parent of the child is the same individual described in  
11 subsection (a) of this section; and

12 (2) immediately notify the local department in the jurisdiction in which the  
13 child resides so that the local department may review its records and, when appropriate,  
14 provide an assessment of the family and offer services if needed.

15 **Article – Health – General**

16 4–222.

17 The Secretary shall provide to the Executive Director of the Social Services  
18 Administration in the Department of Human Resources birth record information for a child  
19 born to an individual whose identifying information has been provided to the Secretary  
20 [within the previous 5 years] by the Executive Director under § 5–715 of the Family Law  
21 Article.

22 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
23 October 1, 2016.