

~~expunge certain information~~ within a certain time, under certain circumstances, if the report is ruled out; and generally relating to the expungement of records concerning suspected child abuse or neglect.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Family Law

Section 5-707

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1984 Volume and 1990 Supplement)

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

Article - Family Law

5-707.

(a) Subject to federal and State law, the Administration shall provide by regulation:

(1) procedures for protecting the confidentiality of reports and records made in accordance with this subtitle; and

(2) conditions under which information may be released.

(b) The local department shall expunge a report of suspected abuse or neglect [5 years after the date of the report if] AND ALL ASSESSMENTS AND INVESTIGATIVE FINDINGS AND THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL EXPUNGE ALL IDENTIFYING INFORMATION:

(1) WITHIN 5 YEARS AFTER THE DATE OF REFERRAL IF the investigation under § 5-706 of this subtitle concludes that the report is unsubstantiated, AND NO FURTHER REPORTS OF ABUSE OR NEGLECT ARE RECEIVED DURING THE 5 YEARS; and

(2) [no further reports of abuse or neglect are received during the 5 years] WITHIN 120 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF REFERRAL IF THE REPORT IS RULED OUT, AND NO FURTHER REPORTS OF ABUSE OR NEGLECT ARE RECEIVED DURING THE 120 DAYS.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1991.

Approved May 14, 1991.