

HOUSE BILL 1589

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By: **Delegate W. Miller**

Introduced and read first time: February 9, 2018

Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Office for Refugees and Asylees – Placement Information**
3 **(Unaccompanied Alien Children Placement Transparency Act)**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Office for Refugees and Asylees to request
5 annually a report from the Office of Refugee Resettlement in the United States
6 Department of Health and Human Services containing certain information on
7 unaccompanied alien children placed with sponsors in the State; requiring the Office,
8 subject to a certain restriction, to provide a de-identified, aggregate version of the
9 information to certain county entities within a certain time period; requiring the
10 Office, to the extent possible and consistent with certain laws, to provide information
11 relating to children in a county to certain entities in that county; prohibiting the
12 Office from releasing certain individual-level or potentially identifiable information;
13 defining a certain term; and generally relating to the Maryland Office of Refugees
14 and Asylees.

15 BY adding to
16 Article – Human Services
17 Section 2–301.1
18 Annotated Code of Maryland
19 (2007 Volume and 2017 Supplement)

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

22 **Article – Human Services**

23 **2–301.1.**

24 **(A) IN THIS SECTION, “OFFICE” MEANS THE MARYLAND OFFICE FOR**
25 **REFUGEES AND ASYLEES IN THE DEPARTMENT.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(B) THE OFFICE SHALL REQUEST ANNUALLY A REPORT FROM THE OFFICE**
2 **OF REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT IN THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**
3 **AND HUMAN SERVICES THAT CONTAINS THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION FOR EACH**
4 **UNACCOMPANIED ALIEN CHILD WHO HAS BEEN PLACED WITH A SPONSOR IN THE**
5 **STATE:**

6 **(1) THE CHILD'S MEDICAL RECORDS, IF THE CHILD IS ATTENDING A**
7 **PUBLIC SCHOOL IN THE STATE;**

8 **(2) THE SPONSOR'S ADDRESS AND IMMIGRATION STATUS;**

9 **(3) ANY FEDERAL PUBLIC BENEFIT THE CHILD RECEIVES; AND**

10 **(4) ANY FEDERAL PUBLIC BENEFIT THE SPONSOR RECEIVES AS A**
11 **RESULT OF SPONSORSHIP.**

12 **(C) (1) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, WITHIN 60**
13 **DAYS AFTER RECEIVING INFORMATION UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION,**
14 **THE OFFICE SHALL PROVIDE A DE-IDENTIFIED, AGGREGATE VERSION OF THE**
15 **INFORMATION TO THE FOLLOWING ENTITIES IN EACH COUNTY WHERE AN**
16 **UNACCOMPANIED ALIEN CHILD HAS BEEN PLACED:**

17 **(I) THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE COUNTY;**

18 **(II) THE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION; AND**

19 **(III) THE LOCAL DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES.**

20 **(2) (I) TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE AND CONSISTENT WITH FEDERAL**
21 **AND STATE PRIVACY LAWS, THE OFFICE SHALL PROVIDE INFORMATION RELATING**
22 **TO CHILDREN PLACED IN A COUNTY TO THE SPECIFIED ENTITIES IN THAT COUNTY.**

23 **(II) THE OFFICE MAY NOT RELEASE INDIVIDUAL-LEVEL OR**
24 **POTENTIALLY IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION UNDER THIS SECTION.**

25 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
26 October 1, 2018.