

1 Children's Health Advisory Council created in Section ~~44~~ 1-103a.1 of
2 this ~~act~~ title, is hereby authorized and directed to:

3 1. Prepare and implement a comprehensive state plan for the
4 planning and coordination of child abuse prevention programs and
5 services and for the establishment, development and funding of such
6 programs and services, and to revise and update ~~said~~ the plan
7 pursuant to the provisions of Section 1-227.3 of this title;

8 2. Monitor, evaluate and review the development and quality of
9 services and programs for the prevention of child abuse and neglect,
10 publish and distribute an annual report of its findings on or before
11 January 1 of each year to the Governor, the Speaker of the House of
12 Representatives, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and to the
13 chief administrative officer of each agency affected by the report.
14 The report shall include:

- 15 a. activities of the Office,
- 16 b. a summary detailing the demographic characteristics of
17 families served including, but not limited to, the
18 following:
- 19 (1) age and marital status of parent(s),
- 20 (2) number and age of children living in the
21 household,
- 22 (3) household composition of families served,
- 23 (4) number of families accepted into the program by
24 grantee site and average length of time enrolled,

- 1 (5) number of families not accepted into the program
2 and the reason therefor, ~~and~~
3 (6) average actual expenditures per family during the
4 most recent state fiscal year, and
5 (7) number of individuals whose parental rights have
6 ever been terminated and number of children born
7 to an individual whose parental rights have ever
8 been terminated,

- 9 c. recommendations for the further development and
10 improvement of services and programs for the
11 prevention of child abuse and neglect, and
12 d. budget and program needs; and

13 3. Conduct or otherwise provide for or make available
14 continuing professional education and training in the area of child
15 abuse prevention.

16 B. For the purpose of implementing the provisions of the Child
17 Abuse Prevention Act, the State Department of Health is authorized
18 to:

19 1. Accept appropriations, gifts, loans and grants from the
20 state and federal government and from other sources, public or
21 private;

22 2. Enter into agreements or contracts for the establishment and
23 development of:

- 1 a. programs and services for the prevention of child
2 abuse and neglect,
3 b. training programs for the prevention of child abuse
4 and neglect, and
5 c. multidisciplinary and discipline specific training
6 programs for professionals with responsibilities
7 affecting children, youth and families; and

8 3. Secure necessary statistical, technical, administrative and
9 operational services by interagency agreement or contract.

10 C. For the purpose of implementing the provisions of the Child
11 Abuse Prevention Act, the State ~~Board~~ Commissioner of Health, giving
12 consideration to the recommendations of the Infant and Children's
13 Health Advisory Council created in Section ~~44~~ 1-103a.1 of this ~~act~~
14 title, is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations as
15 necessary to implement the duties and responsibilities assigned to
16 the Office of Child Abuse Prevention.

17 D. 1. The Department of Human Services shall, as soon as
18 reasonably possible, provide the State Department of Health access
19 to the identifying information of all individuals who, as to any
20 child, have had their parental rights terminated and the conditions
21 which led to the making of the finding which resulted in the
22 termination of parental rights.

23 2. The Division of Vital Records shall provide birth record
24 information to the Office of Child Abuse Prevention for a child born

1 to an individual whose identifying information has been provided
2 pursuant to paragraph 1 of this subsection.

3 3. The Office of Child Abuse Prevention or other appropriate
4 division of the State Department of Health shall review the
5 information provided by the Department of Human Services and the
6 Division of Vital Records and, when appropriate and if the resources
7 are available, provide an assessment of the family and offer
8 services if needed.

9 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2019.

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11 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILY
12 SERVICES, dated 03/27/2019 - DO PASS.

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