

COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA


NOTICE

D. C. LAW 3-29

"Confidentially and Disclosure of Records on Abused and  
Neglected Children Act of 1979"

Pursuant to Section 412 of the District of Columbia Self-Government and Governmental Reorganization Act, P. L. 93-198, "the Act", the Council of the District of Columbia adopted Bill No. 3-159, on first and second readings, July 17, 1979 and July 31, 1979 respectively. Following the signature of the Mayor on August 1, 1979, this legislation was assigned Act No. 3-78, published in the August 10, 1979, edition of the D.C. Register, (Vol. 26 page 678) and transmitted to Congress on August 7, 1979 for a 30-day review, in accordance with Section 602 (c)(1) of the Act.

The Council of the District of Columbia hereby gives notice that the 30-day Congressional Review Period has expired, and, therefore, cites the following legislation as D.C. Law 3-29, effective October 18, 1979.

  
ARRINGTON DIXON  
Chairman of the Council

Dates Counted During the 30-day Congressional Review Period:

September 5, 6, 7, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 17, 18, 19, 20,  
21, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28

October 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10, 11, 12, 15, 16, 17

D.C. LAW 3-29  
EFFECTIVE DATE OCT 16 1979

AN ACT

D.C. ACT 3-78

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

AUG 01 1979

To provide for the confidentiality of and penalties for the unauthorized disclosure of records relating to abused and neglected children.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the "Confidentiality and Disclosure of Records on Abused and Neglected Children Act of 1979".

Sec. 2. Title III of the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect Act of 1977, effective September 23, 1977 (D.C. Law 2-22; D.C. Code, sec. 6-2131 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new sections:

"Sec. 306. Confidentiality of Records and Information

"(a) Information acquired by staff of the Social Rehabilitation Administration of the Department of Human Resources which identifies individual children reported as or found to be abused or neglected or which identifies other members of their families or other persons or other

individuals shall be considered confidential and may be released or divulged only for purposes relating to the identification of abuse or neglect, the identification of service needs or resources, the securing or provision of treatment or direct services for the child or individual identified.

"(b) Persons or agencies who are not covered by confidentiality requirements comparable to those in subsection (a), to whom information is released pursuant to this section, section 203 (D.C. Code, sec. 6-2113), or section 204 (D.C. Code, sec. 6-2114) must sign a statement that they will not divulge such confidential information for purposes unrelated to the purposes of treatment, identification or evaluation.

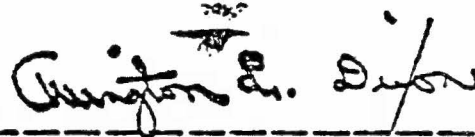
"Sec. 307. Unauthorized Disclosure of Records

"Whoever willfully discloses, receives, makes use of or knowingly permits the use of confidential information concerning a child or individual in violation of this act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined not more than \$1000. A violation of this section shall be prosecuted by the corporation counsel of the District of Columbia."

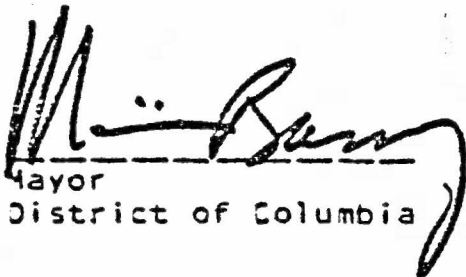
Sec. 3. This act shall take effect as provided for acts of the Council of the District of Columbia pursuant to the

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provisions of section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia  
Self-Government and Governmental Reorganization Act.



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Chairman  
Council of the District of Columbia



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Mayor  
District of Columbia

APPROVED: August 1, 1979

# COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

## RECORD OF OFFICIAL COUNCIL ACTION

DOCKET NO: Bill 3-159

ACTION: To Adopt (7-17-79)

VOICE VOTE: Unanimous

Absent: All Present

ROLL CALL VOTE:

COUNCIL MEMBER	AYE	NAY	N.Y.	A.A.	COUNCIL MEMBER	AYE	NAY	N.Y.	A.A.	COUNCIL MEMBER	AYE	NAY	N.Y.	A.A.
DIXON					KANE					SHACKLETON				
WINTER					MASON					SPAULDING				
CLARKE					MOORE					WILSON				
HARDY					RAY									
TARVIS					ROLARK									

CERTIFICATION OF RECORD

*W. H. D. Vobeno*  
Secretary to the Council

ACTION: To Adopt (7-31-79)

VOICE VOTE: Unanimous

Absent: Clarke

ROLL CALL VOTE:

COUNCIL MEMBER	AYE	NAY	N.Y.	A.A.	COUNCIL MEMBER	AYE	NAY	N.Y.	A.A.	COUNCIL MEMBER	AYE	NAY	N.Y.	A.A.
DIXON					KANE					SHACKLETON				
WINTER					MASON					SPAULDING				
CLARKE					MOORE					WILSON				
HARDY					RAY									
TARVIS					ROLARK									

CERTIFICATION OF RECORD

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Secretary to the Council

ACTION: \_\_\_\_\_

VOICE VOTE: \_\_\_\_\_

Absent: \_\_\_\_\_

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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