

  
Councilmember Tommy WeTIs

A BILL

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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To amend, on a temporary basis, the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect Act of 1977 to require certain records to be made available to the Child and Family Services Agency as part of an investigation of suspected child abuse or neglect.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the "Child Abuse and Neglect Investigation Record Access Temporary Amendment Act of 2007".

Sec. 2. The Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect Act of 1977, effective September 23, 1977 (D.C. Law 2-22; D.C. Official Code § 4-1301.02 *et seq.*), is amended by adding a new section 106b to read as follows:

"Sec. 106b. Obtaining records.

"(a) Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, upon the Agency's request, a person who is required to report suspected incidents of child abuse or neglect under section 2 of An Act To provide for the mandatory reporting by physicians and institutions in the District of Columbia of certain physical abuse of children, approved November 5, 1966 (80 Stat. 1354; D.C. Official Code § 4-1321.02), shall immediately provide the Agency copies of all records of a child who is the subject of a report of child abuse or neglect, or of any other child residing in the home where the abuse or neglect is alleged to have occurred, that are in the possession of the person or the person's employees.

"(b) The Agency shall request the records needed for its investigation conducted under

Title I.

"(c) The Agency shall not be charged a fee for the records provided to it under this section."

Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement of the Budget Director as the fiscal impact statement required by section 602(c)(3) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(3)).

Sec. 4. Effective date.

(a) This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of Congressional review as provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of Columbia Register.

(b) This act shall expire after 225 days of its having taken effect.