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HOUSE CALENDAR

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CONSENT CALENDAR – PART II

HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND ELDERLY AFFAIRS

SB 140, relative to ear and body piercing. OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT

Rep. Janeen Dalrymple for Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs: SB 140 as introduced intended to insure use of a disposable, single-use needle for the purpose of body and ear piercing. Current law permits jewelry stores to utilize reusable devices in the process of piercing ears and body parts. These devices are operated by individuals unlicensed in their use. In most cases, the earrings are sterile, but the gripping device is not and most often comes in direct contact with the skin at the site of piercing. Some of the devices used have components that are simply wiped with alcohol, not sterilized and then reused on another client. Single-use piercing devices are readily available at a cost of about \$10.00. Gripping or ear stabilizing tools must also be single use or capable of being sterilized, to prevent exposure to infected blood. Unfortunately, these devices can only be used on ears and will not accommodate other body parts for the purpose of body piercing. The subcommittee felt strongly that SB 140, as amended, would address the immediate need to protect individuals seeking ear piercing at unlicensed places, who currently perform ear piercing. Future legislation is necessary to establish comprehensive guidelines for body piercing practices. Vote 13-2.

PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

SB 156, granting the commissioner of transportation authority to layout and approve the construction of a restricted use driveway onto a public highway in Canterbury and creating a legislative study committee to consider options for addressing the development of major projects which have statewide or significant regional impacts, such as the New Hampshire International Speedway. INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

Rep. John P. Gleason for Public Works and Highways: The New Hampshire International Speedway has applied for and has been granted a driveway permit from the town of Canterbury. The urgency for this legislation has been diminished as a result of this granting. After hearing from the Chair of the Canterbury Planning Board and the NHIS, the committee felt that the situation is better handled by each party directly, which makes this bill unnecessary. By virtue of action taken by the NHIS to construct a north access road from Route 106 into their parking lots, and sanctioned by local planning board(s), will help mitigate traffic congestion during racing events. Vote 16-0.

SB 178-FN-A, relative to appropriations to the port authority for dredging projects. RE-REFER TO COMMITTEE

Rep. William E. Leber for Public Works and Highways: This bill would change language on a 1991 appropriation for expansion of the Port of Portsmouth, and construction of a 750 foot pier to add "dredging projects including associated mitigation to maintain channels and harbors." The initial intent was to permit a portion of the previous appropriation for a project for eel grass mitigation in Little Harbor. This mitigation is required to permit the Corps of Engineers (COE) to dredge the harbor. Recent information received from the Port Authority indicates that the eel grass mitigation would be completed by COE at federal expense. The other portion of the bill would permit expenditure of up to \$1 million for dredging projects needed on the seacoast. Both of these issues have merit and should be studied further. If some issues can be resolved, this bill could be brought to the House in January of 2000, and still have time to address the original intent, if it is needed. Vote 14-0.

SB 207, relative to authorizing bonds for the construction and renovation of regional vocational education centers. RE-REFER TO COMMITTEE

Rep. Willilam E. Leber for Public Works and Highways: This bill is very similar to HB 413, which was Re-referred earlier this year. Both bills include authorizing bonds for construction and renovation of regional vocational education centers. This bill would commit up to \$10 million of state funding per biennium. Since there are slight differences in the bills, the committee decided to Re-refer this bill to be studied this summer along with HB 413. Vote 17-0.

STATE FEDERAL RELATIONS AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

HCR 13, urging the selection of a final design for the New Hampshire commemorative quarter which includes the state motto "live free or die." OUGHT TO PASS

Rep. Griffin T. Dalianis for State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs: A resolution urging the selection of a final design for the New Hampshire commemorative quarter which includes the state motto "live free or die". The amendment expresses the committee's feelings. We feel it is imperative that the Old Man of the Mountain and nine stars representing New Hampshire being the ninth state in the union to ratify the Constitution be placed on the coin that will be minted by the United States of America. Vote 14-0.

HJR 10, requiring that the United States Marine Corps flag be flown over the state house every November 10 to honor the birth of the Corps. OUGHT TO PASS

Rep. Griffin T. Dalianis for State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs: The State of New Hampshire annually honors its citizens who have served in the United States Marine Corps by flying the Corps flag over the NH State Capitol on every November 10th. This will put into NH Statutes that this will be a law. The United States Marine Corps was founded on November 10, 1775 at Tun's Tavern in Philadelphia and this year it will celebrate its 224th birthday. Semper Fidelis! Vote 14-0.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16

REGULAR CALENDAR - PART II

CHILDREN AND FAMILY LAW

HB 703-FN-A-L, establishing a regional youth center pilot program in the city of Nashua and making an appropriation therefor. OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT

Rep. L. Randy Lyman for Children and Family Law: The overall intent of this legislation is to encourage and enable the establishment of community-based regional youth centers for the provision of residential and non-residential services for juveniles involved in the juvenile justice system. HB 703 enables a pilot regional youth center in Nashua. It encourages an existing local interdisciplinary group made up of residents of the Nashua community to establish a board which will pursue the design and construction of a facility using federal funds where services can be provided to juveniles by local providers and local schools. The facility will be staff-secure and will only serve non-violent offenders. Violent offenders will continue to be housed at the Youth Development Center. The local district court judge will be able to sentence juveniles to the facility for up to 90 days. The local board will establish rules and regulations for the youth center which will include criteria for admission and dismissal. Facility site and other details will also be determined by the local board. The legislation requires that an outcome based evaluation plan for the facility is established which shall provide for the collection of appropriate data and the identification of specific measures so that the success of the facility can be evaluated. It is contemplated that the Department of Youth Development Services will provide the personnel for the bed supervision. However, there is no appropriation in this bill because operation of the facility will not begin before July 1, 2001. It is estimated that the design and construction of a facility will take the next two years. The committee supports the concept of regional youth centers with the overall goal of doing a better job of serving young people in their local communities so that we may prevent them from going to YDC or the state prison in the future. Vote 13-4.

SB 220-FN, relative to the disclosure of child abuse and neglect information. OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT

Rep. L. Randy Lyman for Children and Family Law: This bill enables the Department of Health and Human Services to respond to the changes in the Federal Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act that are designed to improve the public accountability of the department in those few cases where there has been a fatality or near fatality resulting from neglect or abuse. The amendment permits the commissioner, upon request, to disclose certain specified information about such cases only if it is determined that the disclosure is not contrary to the best interest of the child, the child's siblings or other children in the household. Vote 17-0.

STATE FEDERAL RELATIONS AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

HCR 8, urging nonimplementation of the articles of the Kyoto Protocol on global climate change. OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT

Rep. Eugene L. Gagnon for State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs: This resolution, as amended, simply supports and concurs with US Senate Resolution 98 where, by a vote of 95-0, the Senate rejected the provisions of the Kyoto Protocol. The amendment was a compromise agreed upon by the sponsor and the Department of Environmental Services. Vote 10-4.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16

ADDITIONAL AMENDMENTS

1999-1405h

Floor Amendment to HB 542-FN-A

Proposed by Reps. McGuirk and J. Pratt

Amend the title of the bill by replacing it with the following:

AN ACT relative to the rate of and exemptions from the legacies and succession tax.

Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

1 Rate of and Exemptions from the Legacies and Succession Tax. Amend RSA 86:6, I and II to read as follows:

I. All property within the jurisdiction of the state, real or personal, and any interest therein, belonging to domiciliaries of the state; and all real estate within the state, or any interest therein, belonging to persons who are not domiciliaries of the state;

which shall pass by will, or by the laws regulating intestate successions, or by deed, grant, bargain, sale or gift, made in contemplation of death, or made or intended to take effect in possession or enjoyment at or after the death of the grantor or donor, to any person, absolutely or in trust, shall be subject to a tax of ~~[18]~~ 7 percent of its fair market value for the use of the state, except as provided in paragraphs II and III and RSA86:9-a.

II. *The first \$100,000 of the fair market value of real and personal property of the decedent shall be exempt from the tax imposed in paragraph I.* Real and personal property of the decedent shall be exempt from the tax imposed in paragraph I, if it passes to or for the use of any of the following:

- (a) The decedent's spouse;
- ~~(b) [The decedent's lineal ascendants and the decedent's lineal descendants together with the spouses of said ascendants and descendants, provided that such ascendants and descendants have not been adopted by another person;~~
- ~~(c) The decedent's adopted children together with the spouses and lineal descendant of such adopted children;~~
- ~~(d)~~ The care of cemetery lots in this state;
- ~~[(e)]~~ **(c)** A city or town in this state for public municipal purposes;
- ~~[(f)]~~ **(d)** Educational, religious, cemetery, or other institutions, societies, or associations of public charity in this state, or in any other state, territory, or country, the laws of which at the time of the death of the decedent provide either of the following:
 - (1) Do not impose a transfer or death tax of any kind;
 - (2) Grant an exemption similar to that provided for in this paragraph, to their domiciliaries, for the property passing to charities in this state.
- ~~[(g) A person who for 10 consecutive years prior to the person's fifteenth birthday was a member of the household of the decedent.~~

~~(h) The decedent's stepchildren of the current marriage or of the most recent marriage together with the spouses and the lineal descendants of such stepchildren.]~~

2 Reference Changed. Amend RSA 86:22, II to read as follows:

II. A report pursuant to paragraphs I, III, and IV of this section shall describe the location and title reference of real property and need not state the nature or amount of personal property in the case of any transfers of real or personal property or joint tenancies in which all transferees or surviving joint tenants are exempt under RSA ~~[86:6 , H(a), (b), (c), or (h)]~~ **86:6, II.**

3 Repeal. The following are repealed:

- I. RSA 86:5-a, I, relative to the definition of decedent's adopted child or children.
- II. RSA 86:6, III, relative to an exemption from the legacies and succession tax for certain siblings.

4 Effective Date. This act shall take effect July 1, 1999.

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill changes the rate of the legacies and succession tax and changes exemptions from the tax.

1999-1404h

Floor Amendment to HB 542-FN-A

Proposed by Reps. McGuirk, Dickinson, Lynch, Hawkinson and Dokmo

Amend the title of the bill by replacing it with the following:

AN ACT repealing the legacies and succession tax.

Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

1 Repeal. RSA 86, relative to the legacies and succession tax, is repealed.

2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect July 1, 1999.

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill repeals the legacies and succession tax.

1999-1539h

Amendment to HB 703-FN-A-LOCAL

Proposed by the Committee on Children and Family Law - R

Amend the title of the bill by replacing it with the following:

AN ACT establishing a regional youth center pilot program in the city of Nashua.

Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

1 Regional Youth Center Pilot Program Established; Purpose.

I. A regional youth center pilot program for the placement of certain juveniles is hereby established in the city of Nashua, which may include the construction of a new regional youth center facility in the city of Nashua with an initial capacity of 25 residential beds and the capacity to increase to not more than 50 beds.

II. The intent of the legislature is to encourage and enable the establishment of community-based regional youth centers for the provision of residential and non-residential services for juveniles involved in the juvenile justice system. Local providers, the counties, and the state shall work together to provide an appropriate response to those juveniles determined to need a variety of programs and services that can be provided in a staff-secure setting. No similar facility currently exists within this state to provide short-term comprehensive community-based services for such juveniles, and the Nashua regional youth center pilot program is intended to be a model for other community-oriented juvenile facilities throughout this state in the future.

III. The purpose of the pilot program is to provide community-based services, including short-term residential services, for juveniles. The goal of this act is to encourage, in the context of the community, the wholesome moral, mental, emotional, and physical development of juveniles, including but not limited to those between the ages of 12 and 16, who are delinquent, in need of services, truant, runaway, or otherwise wayward, in order to assist the child in becoming a responsible and productive member of society. In order to accomplish this goal, community service providers in the Nashua area have agreed to provide education, treatment, care, guidance, and counseling for juveniles at a regional youth center.

2 Regional Youth Center Pilot Program; Regional Youth Center Board; Purpose; Membership.

I. A regional youth center board shall be established for the purpose of administering the regional youth center pilot program. The members of the board shall be selected by the working group of local agencies currently meeting on a regular basis in the city of Nashua on issues relating to this pilot program. The board shall consist of residents of the communities of Nashua, Hudson, or Hollis. The commissioners of the departments of youth development services, and health and human services, or their designees, shall also be members of the board.

II. Board members shall be appointed and hold their initial meeting within 60 days of the effective date of this paragraph. At this initial meeting officers, including a chairperson and secretary, shall be elected and rules of procedure shall be adopted. Members of the board shall serve without compensation.

3 Powers and Duties. The regional youth center board shall have the following powers and duties:

- I. To establish criteria for the admission of juveniles into the regional youth center pilot program and to decline admission to any juvenile who does not meet those criteria. The board may, pursuant to procedures established by the board remove any juvenile from the regional youth center pilot program whose conduct interferes with the objectives of the program or whose behavior negatively affects another participant in the pilot program.
- II. With the exception of bed supervision, to contract for the provision of ordinary and necessary services, including but not limited to residential, educational, security, healthcare services and community-based treatment, care, and counseling services

for both juveniles attending the pilot program and their families.

III. To pursue additional funding for the pilot program, including but not limited to, grants or other moneys from federal, state, or private foundations or sources, and expend such grants, moneys, or other appropriations for the purposes of said pilot program.

IV. To establish an outcome-based evaluation plan for the program which shall provide for the collection of appropriate data and for the determination annually of the success of the regional youth center programming and services based on specific measures to be determined by the board.

V. To provide residential services to preadjudicated juveniles, adjudicated juvenile delinquents and children in need of services, and juveniles taken into temporary custody pursuant to RSA 169-B:9, II and RSA 169-D:8, II.

VI. To provide non-residential services to court-ordered and non-court-ordered juveniles on such terms and conditions as provided for in the criteria for admission established by the board.

4 Bed Supervision. The department of youth development services shall provide bed supervision for the regional youth center facility established in this act. Bed supervision shall consist of monitoring and supervising juveniles receiving residential services during the night time hours as such hours are established by the regional youth center board. The board shall determine the need for and extent of daytime supervision of juveniles in residence who are unable for any reason, including but not limited to illness, attend or participate in daytime programming. The state shall be responsible only for expenses related to bed supervision of juveniles in residence at the regional youth center facility.

5 Rulemaking. The commissioner of the department of youth development services shall adopt rules, pursuant to RSA 541-A, relative to the bed supervision of juveniles placed in the regional youth center facility pursuant to the provisions of RSA 169-B and 169-D.

6 Nashua District Court; Jurisdiction.

I. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the pilot program and services established in this act shall be available for the purposes of actions and proceedings pursuant to RSA 169-B and 169-D in the Nashua district court only.

II. Notwithstanding any provision of RSA 169-B to the contrary, the Nashua district court shall have the authority to order a residential placement for an adjudicated juvenile delinquent residing in Nashua, Hudson, or Hollis in the facility for a period to be determined by the court, but not to exceed 90 days.

III. Notwithstanding any provision of RSA 169-B or 169-D to the contrary, the Nashua district court shall have the authority, prior to adjudication and disposition, to order residential placement of a juvenile in the facility to the extent necessary to provide immediate supervision and protect the safety or welfare of the juvenile or the person or property of another. The Nashua district court shall comply with the provisions of RSA 169-B and RSA 169-D for the adjudication and disposition of any juvenile placed in the pilot program prior to such adjudication or disposition.

IV. The authority of the Nashua district court to place a juvenile in the pilot program is subject to the criteria established by the regional youth center board for the admission of juveniles to the pilot program and the authority of the board to decline to accept or to remove any juvenile who does not meet those criteria.

7 Regional Youth Center Pilot Program; Certification; Termination.

I. The regional youth center facility shall be certified for the placement of minors pursuant to RSA 170-G:4, XVIII.

II. The Nashua regional youth center shall terminate on July 1, 2003, unless otherwise authorized by a subsequent act of the legislature.

8 Department of Youth Development Services and Department of Health and Human Services; Biennial Budgets. The department of youth development services shall submit a budget for the biennium ending June 30, 2003 which shall include financial responsibility for bed supervision for the regional youth center pilot facility established in this act. The department of health and human services shall include in its budget for the biennium ending June 30, 2003 the costs for the services and programs provided at the regional youth center for which the department is financially responsible.

9 Severability. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to any person or circumstances is held invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without the invalid provisions or applications,

and to this end the provisions of this act are severable.

10 Contingency. The provisions of this act establishing the pilot program shall only take effect upon the availability, from any source, of funds sufficient for the construction of a new facility, or renovation of an existing facility, which shall fulfill the needs of the pilot program. If such funds are not available, the provisions of this act shall not take effect.

11 Effective Date.

I. Sections 1-9 of this act shall take effect as provided in section 10.

II. The remainder of this act shall take effect upon passage.

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill establishes a regional youth center pilot program in the city of Nashua for the placement of certain juvenile offenders in a facility where the programs and services ordered by the court are provided by the local community.

1999-1464h

Amendment to HCR 8

Proposed by the Committee on State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs - R

Amend the title of the bill by replacing it with the following:

A RESOLUTION urging improvements to the Kyoto Protocol prior to its implementation.

Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

Whereas, the United States is a signatory to the 1992 United Nations Framework Convention on Global Climate Change (FCCC); and

Whereas, a protocol to implement the goals of the FCCC was negotiated in December 1997 in Kyoto, Japan (Kyoto Protocol), which, if ratified, would require the developed nations of the world, including the United States, to significantly reduce their emissions of greenhouse gases; and

Whereas, appropriate commitments to address greenhouse gas emissions from key developing countries are not currently included in the provisions of the Kyoto Protocol; and

Whereas, flexible market-based mechanisms such as emissions trading have proven to be extremely effective in reducing emissions of non-greenhouse gas air pollutants; and

Whereas, there is reason to believe that such flexible market-based mechanisms would be equally effective in reducing greenhouse gas emissions at the lowest possible costs; and

Whereas, adequately detailed provisions for emissions trading and other flexible market-based mechanisms are not currently in the Kiyoto Protocol; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

That the New Hampshire general court urges that prior to the promulgation of federal regulations to implement the Kyoto Protocol, the Administration and the United States Senate, through ratification, should ensure that the Kyoto Protocol includes adequate provisions for:

(1) Emissions trading and other flexible compliance mechanisms, and

(2) Appropriate commitments form key developing countries; and

That copies of this resolution signed by the speaker of the house of representatives and the president of the senate be forwarded by the house clerk to the President of the United States Senate and to each member of the New Hampshire delegation to Congress.

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This resolution urges that prior to promulgation of federal regulations to implement the Kyoto Protocol, the Administration and United States Senate ensure the Kyoto Protocol includes adequate provisions for emissions trading and other flexible compliance mechanisms, and commitments from key developing countries.

1999-1617h

Amendment to HCR 13

Proposed by the Committee on State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs - C

Amend the title of the resolution by replacing it with the following:

A RESOLUTION urging the selection of a final design for the New Hampshire commemorative quarter which includes the state motto "live free or die, 9 stars representing New Hampshire as the ninth state to ratify the United States Constitution, and the Old Man of the Mountain."

Amend the resolution by replacing all after the resolving clause with the following:

That the final design to be selected for the New Hampshire commemorative quarter shall include the state motto "live free or die", 9 stars representing New Hampshire as the ninth state to ratify the United States Constitution, and the Old Man of the Mountain as a part of such design; and

That the governor, the governor's commemorative coin commission, the Secretary of the Treasury, and the director of the United States Mint shall recommend or select a final design for the New Hampshire commemorative quarter which includes the state motto "live free or die", 9 stars representing New Hampshire as the ninth state to ratify the United States Constitution, and the Old Man of the Mountain as part of such design; and

That copies of this resolution be forwarded by the house clerk to the governor, to each member of the New Hampshire congressional delegation, to the Secretary of the Treasury, and to the director of the United States Mint.

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This house concurrent resolution urges the governor, the Secretary of the Treasury, and the director of the United States Mint to select a design for the New Hampshire commemorative quarter which includes the state motto "live free or die", 9 stars representing New Hampshire as the ninth state to ratify the United States Constitution, and the Old Man of the Mountain as part of such design.

1999-1314h

Amendment to SB 140

Proposed by the Committee on Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs - C

Amend the title of the bill by replacing it with the following:

AN ACT relative to ear piercing.

Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

1 New Chapter; Ear Piercing. Amend RSA by inserting after chapter 141-H the following new chapter:

CHAPTER 141-I

EAR PIERCING

141-I:1 Ear Piercing. Persons engaged in the practice of piercing the ears of the human body shall use disposable single-use needles for such purpose. Any person violating the provisions of this chapter shall be guilty of a violation.

2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2000.

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill requires persons engaged in piercing the ears of the human body to use disposable single-use needles.

1999-1584h

Amendment to SB 220-FN

Proposed by the Committee on Children and Family Law - R

Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

1 Purpose. The general court finds that deaths or serious injury to children due to abuse or neglect, despite the involvement of government agencies charged with responsibility to protect children, is unacceptable. The general court further finds that public accountability in such cases will help prevent fatalities and near fatalities. To foster public accountability the general court authorizes the commissioner of health and human services, upon request, to publicly disclose certain case-specific information in those few cases in which there has been a fatality or near fatality resulting from abuse or neglect of a child. The general court finds that the above purpose is consistent with the provisions of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act as amended in 1996, Public Law 104-235.

2 New Paragraph; Disclosure of Child Abuse and Neglect Information. Amend RSA 126-A:5 by inserting after paragraph XI the following new paragraph:

XII.(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the commissioner may, upon request, publicly disclose certain case specific information regarding the abuse or neglect of a child as set forth in this paragraph, and the investigation of such abuse or neglect and any services related thereto, if it is determined that such disclosure shall not be contrary to the best interests of the child, the child's siblings or other children in the household and there has been a fatality or near fatality resulting from abuse or neglect of a child. In determining whether disclosure will be contrary to the best interests of the child, the child's siblings, or other children in the household, the commissioner shall consider the privacy interests of the child and the child's family and the effects which disclosure may have on efforts to reunite and provide services for the family. In evaluating the request for disclosure, the commissioner shall consider the source of the request, and whether the disclosure will promote public accountability of the department. As used in this section, "near fatality" means an act or event that places a child in serious or critical condition as certified by a physician.

(b) Information may be disclosed as follows:

(1) Information released prior to the completion of the investigation of a report shall be limited to a statement that a report is "under investigation."

(2) When there has been a prior disclosure pursuant to subparagraph (b)(1) of this paragraph, information released in a case in which the report has been unfounded shall be limited to the statement that "the investigation has been completed, and the report has been determined unfounded."

(3) If the report has been founded, then information may be released pursuant to subparagraph (c) of this section.

(c) For the purposes of this paragraph, the following information may be disclosed:

(1) The name of the abused or neglected child, provided that the name shall not be disclosed in a case of a near fatality unless the name has otherwise previously been disclosed.

(2) The name of the parent or other person legally responsible for the child.

(3) The fact that the department's investigation resulted in a finding of either abuse or neglect and the basis for the finding.

(4) Identification of services and actions taken, if any, by the department regarding the child named in the report and his or her family as a result of any such report or reports.

(5) Any extraordinary or pertinent information concerning the circumstances of the abuse or maltreatment of the child and the investigation of such abuse or maltreatment, where the commissioner determines such disclosure is consistent with the public interest.

(d) Any disclosure of information pursuant to this paragraph shall be consistent with the provisions of subparagraph (c). Such disclosure shall not identify or provide an identifying description of the source of the report, and shall not identify the name of the abused or neglected child's siblings, or any other members of the child's household, other than the subject of the report.

3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.