

17.125 Agency sharing of records maintained on juvenile in facility, program, or informal adjustment -- Confidentiality -- Provision of records -- Exception -- Violation.

- (1) The following agencies shall, subject to restrictions imposed by state or federal law, disclose and share with each other all information they maintain on a juvenile in a facility or program or informal adjustment authorized by law:
 - (a) All sheriff's offices, police departments, and any other law enforcement agency;
 - (b) All Commonwealth's attorneys and county attorneys;
 - (c) The Attorney General;
 - (d) All jails and juvenile detention facilities, public and private;
 - (e) All courts and clerks of courts;
 - (f) The Administrative Office of the Courts;
 - (g) All departments within the Justice and Public Safety Cabinet; and
 - (h) All departments within the Cabinet for Health and Family Services.
- (2) Except as provided in this section, all information shared by agencies specified above shall be subject to applicable confidentiality disclosure, redisclosure, and access restrictions imposed by federal or state law.
- (3) All public or private elementary or secondary schools, vocational or business schools, or institutions of higher education shall provide all records specifically requested in writing, and pertaining to status offenders, public offenders, youthful offenders, juveniles remanded to detention, and any juvenile convicted by a court, to any of the agencies listed in subsection (1) of this section. The records or information provided pursuant to this subsection shall be subject to:
 - (a) Access or other restrictions imposed by federal or state law;
 - (b) All confidentiality restrictions imposed by federal or state law; and
 - (c) All disclosure and redisclosure restrictions imposed by federal or state law.
- (4) Any request for records, the provision of records, the sharing of records, the disclosure of records, or the redisclosure of records shall be done for official purposes only, on a bona fide need to know basis, and only in connection with a legitimate investigation, prosecution, treatment program, or educational program.
- (5) Information and records relating to pending litigation in Circuit Court, District Court, or a federal court and information and records relating to an ongoing investigation are not subject to disclosure or sharing under this section.
- (6) Obtaining or attempting to obtain a record relating to a minor or by sharing or attempting to share a record relating to a minor with an unauthorized person is a violation of this section.

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