## CHILD PROTECTION LAW (EXCERPT) Act 238 of 1975

## 722.627c Release of information from child protective services records or case in which child has died; decision by director; determination.

Sec. 7c. (1) Sections 7d to 7i govern the director's decisions to release specified information from child protective services records.

- (2) The director shall release specified information in a child abuse or neglect case in which a child who was a part of the case has died.
- (3) The director may designate another individual to act for the director under sections 7d to 7i, and a reference to the director under those sections applies to an individual designated by the director.
- (4) For the purposes of sections 7d to 7i, a child's best interest shall be determined based on all of the following:
  - (a) Protection of the child's safety.
  - (b) Preservation of the child's physical, mental, and emotional health.
- (c) Consideration of the child's likelihood of establishing a successful and timely permanent family and community relationship.
- (5) Sections 7d to 7i do not subject a report or record that is confidential under this act to disclosure under the freedom of information act, 1976 PA 442, MCL 15.231 to 15.246.

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