

CHILD PROTECTION LAW (EXCERPT)
Act 238 of 1975

722.627g Release of information by director; individuals to be notified; Wyatt's law.

Sec. 7g. (1) If the director decides to release specified information under section 7d, the department must give each notice required under section 7f to each of the following:

(a) Each person named in the report as a perpetrator or an alleged perpetrator of the child abuse or child neglect, unless the person named in the report has been convicted of a crime relating to the child abuse or child neglect, and no appeal is pending.

(b) Each parent or legal guardian of the child.

(c) Each attorney representing the child who is the subject of the case, or representing a person listed in subdivision (a) or (b), if the department has notice of that representation.

(d) The child's guardian ad litem.

(2) If the director denies a request for release of information under section 7d, the department must notify only the requesting person.

(3) If a person required to be notified under subsection (1)(a) is named as a perpetrator of child abuse or child neglect in a report that contains specified information requested to be released, and that person was not previously notified under section 7j(3), the department must notify that person as required by section 7j(3) not less than 14 days before the specified information is released. If a person who is required to be notified under this subsection requests expunction of the record within 14 days after the notice is given, the specified information shall not be released under this section until the procedures governing expunction under section 7j are completed. If a person who is required to be notified under this subsection does not request expunction within 14 days, the procedures for release of specified information under sections 7c to 7i must be followed, and the individual does not have a right to appeal the decision to release.

(4) This section may be cited as "Wyatt's law".

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