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AN ACT to amend and reenact section five, article six-a, chapter forty-nine of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to changing the amount of time that department of health and human resources must retain child protective services' records from six years to thirty years.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That section five, article six-a, chapter forty-nine of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

**ARTICLE 6A. REPORTS OF CHILDREN SUSPECTED TO BE ABUSED OR
NEGLECTED.**

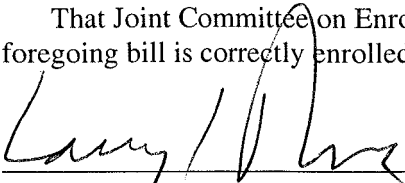
§49-6A-5. Reporting procedures.

1 Reports of child abuse and neglect pursuant to this article
2 shall be made immediately by telephone to the local state

3 department child protective service agency and shall be
4 followed by a written report within forty-eight hours if so
5 requested by the receiving agency. The state department shall
6 establish and maintain a twenty-four hour, seven-day-a-week
7 telephone number to receive such calls reporting suspected or
8 known child abuse or neglect.

9 A copy of any report of serious physical abuse, sexual
10 abuse or assault shall be forwarded by the department to the
11 appropriate law-enforcement agency, the prosecuting attorney
12 or the coroner or medical examiner's office. All reports under
13 this article shall be confidential and unless there are pending
14 proceedings with regard thereto shall be destroyed thirty years
15 following their preparation. Reports of known or suspected
16 institutional child abuse or neglect shall be made and received
17 as all other reports made pursuant to this article.

That Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.



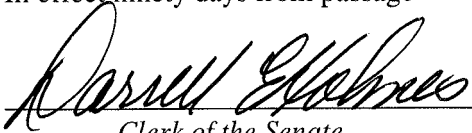
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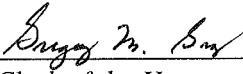
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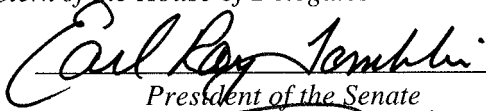
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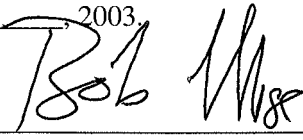


President of the Senate



Speaker of the House of Delegates

The within is approved this the 20th
day of March _____
_____ 2003.



Governor

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