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AN ACT concerning children.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, 2 represented in the General Assembly: 3

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Section 5. The Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act is 5 amended by changing Section 7.14 as follows:

(325 ILCS 5/7.14) (from Ch. 23, par. 2057.14) 6

7 Sec. 7.14. All reports in the central register shall be 8 classified in one of three categories: "indicated", "unfounded" or "undetermined", as the case may be. After the 9 report is classified, the person making the classification 10 shall determine whether the child named in the report is the 11 subject of an action under Article II of the Juvenile Court Act 12 of 1987. If the child is the subject of an action under Article 13 14 II of the Juvenile Court Act, the Department shall transmit a 15 copy of the report to the guardian ad litem appointed for the child under Section 2-17 of the Juvenile Court Act. All 16 17 information identifying the subjects of an unfounded report shall be expunded from the register forthwith, except as 18 19 provided in Section 7.7. Unfounded reports may only be made 20 available to the Child Protective Service Unit when 21 investigating a subsequent report of suspected abuse or 22 maltreatment involving a child named in the unfounded report; 23 and to the subject of the report, provided that the subject requests the report within 60 days of being notified that the 24 25 report was unfounded. The Child Protective Service Unit shall 26 not indicate the subsequent report solely based upon the prior unfounded 27 existence of the report reports. or 28 Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, an 29 unfounded report shall not be admissible in any judicial or 30 administrative proceeding or action. Identifying information on all other records shall be removed from the register no 31 32 later than 5 years after the report is indicated. However, if

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another report is received involving the same child, his sibling or offspring, or a child in the care of the persons responsible for the child's welfare, or involving the same alleged offender, the identifying information may be maintained in the register until 5 years after the subsequent case or report is closed.

7 Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section, 8 identifying information in indicated reports involving the 9 sexual abuse of a child, the death of a child, or serious physical injury to a child as defined by the Department in 10 rules, may be retained longer than 5 years after the report is 11 12 indicated or after the subsequent case or report is closed, and 13 may not be removed from the register except as provided by the Department in rules. <u>Identifying information in indicated</u> 14 15 reports involving sexual penetration of a child, sexual molestation of a child, sexual exploitation of a child, torture 16 17 of a child, or the death of a child, as defined by the Department in rules, shall be retained for a period of not less 18 than 50 years after the report is indicated or after the 19 20 subsequent case or report is closed.

21 (Source: P.A. 92-801, eff. 8-16-02.)

22 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon 23 becoming law.