



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 7049

January Session, 2025



AN ACT CONCERNING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE OFFICE OF THE CHILD ADVOCATE REGARDING THE INFANT MORTALITY REVIEW PROGRAM.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (f) of section 19a-59j of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
3 *1, 2025*):

4 (f) All information obtained by the commissioner, or the
5 commissioner's designee, for the infant mortality review program shall
6 be confidential pursuant to section 19a-25, except the commissioner may
7 disclose any information or data obtained for the infant mortality review
8 program to the Child Advocate, if the commissioner deems such
9 disclosure necessary for the Child Advocate to perform the duties set
10 forth in section 46a-13l. Any information or data disclosed to the Child
11 Advocate shall be confidential in accordance with section 46a-13n, as
12 amended by this act.

13 Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 46a-13n of the general statutes is
14 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
15 *1, 2025*):

16 (a) The name, address and other personally identifiable information

17 of a person who makes a complaint to the Child Advocate as provided
 18 in section 46a-13l, all information obtained or generated by the office in
 19 the course of an investigation and all confidential records obtained by
 20 the Child Advocate or a designee shall be confidential and shall not be
 21 subject to disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act or
 22 otherwise, except that such information and records, other than
 23 confidential information concerning a pending law enforcement
 24 investigation or a pending prosecution, may be disclosed if the Child
 25 Advocate determines that disclosure is (1) in the general public interest
 26 or (2) necessary to enable the Child Advocate to perform his
 27 responsibilities under subsection (a) of section 46a-13l. If the Child
 28 Advocate determines that disclosure of confidential information is not
 29 in the public interest but is necessary to enable the Child Advocate to
 30 perform responsibilities under subsection (a) of section 46a-13l, or to
 31 identify, prevent or treat the abuse or neglect of a child, the Child
 32 Advocate may disclose such information to the appropriate agency
 33 responsible for the welfare of such child or the legal representative for
 34 such child. The Child Advocate may disclose information or data
 35 regarding fatalities of infants less than one year of age to the
 36 Commissioner of Public Health if the Child Advocate determines such
 37 disclosure is necessary for the purposes of the infant mortality review
 38 program established pursuant to section 19a-59j, as amended by this act.
 39 Any information or data disclosed to the Commissioner of Public Health
 40 shall be confidential in accordance with the provisions of section 19a-25.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2025	19a-59j(f)
Sec. 2	October 1, 2025	46a-13n(a)

PH Joint Favorable Subst.