

HB 3278 -- DISCLOSURE OF RECORDS FOR THE PROTECTION OF VULNERABLE ADULTS

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This bill adds to the list of entities that may access reports of abuse and neglect toward vulnerable adults the Department of Social Services for persons referred to the Department and any member of a "multidisciplinary adult protection team", as defined in the bill. The name of the reporter will not be disclosed unless provided for in current law, or unless provided to the Department of Mental Health for investigating reported incidents of abuse and neglect of vulnerable persons.

The bill permits members of a multidisciplinary adult protection team to make available to members of the team all information and records that are appropriate and necessary to conduct team activities for the benefit of eligible adults.

The case information received by members of the team will be maintained as confidential, and any person to whom information is released is prohibited from using or releasing the information except in the proper performance of that person's duties.

Any member of the multidisciplinary team may share information that is acquired in the team member's professional capacity with other members of the multidisciplinary team to assist the team in its function for the benefit of the eligible adult.