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Councilmember Jim Graham

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Councilmember Tommy Wells

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A BILL

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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Councilmembers Wells and Graham introduced the following bill, which was referred to the  
Committee on \_\_\_\_\_.

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To amend Chapter 23 of Title 16 of the District of Columbia Code to allow information  
contained in juvenile case records, social records, and law enforcement records  
pertaining to a child to be divulged to persons who have a professional interest in the  
protection, welfare, treatment, and rehabilitation of the child, and to require the Attorney  
General to make quarterly reports available to the general public of the number of  
individuals under the age of 18 arrested in the District by charge, date, time, and location  
of the alleged offense, and permanent residence by police service area, of the individual  
arrested.

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this  
act may be cited as the "Information Sharing to Improve Services for Children and Families Act  
of 2009".

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Sec. 2. Chapter 23 of Title 16 of the District of Columbia Code is amended as  
follows:

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(a) Section 16-2331 is amended by adding a new subsection (b-3) to read as  
follows:

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“(b-3) (1) Information contained in juvenile case records pertaining to a child  
may be divulged to a person who has a professional interest in the protection, welfare, treatment,  
and rehabilitation of the child or the child’s family, for the purpose of protecting the safety of the

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child, the safety of others, or providing services to the child or the child’s family, provided that  
the person receiving the information is:

“(A) An employee of a public or private entity receiving District funds to  
provide services for children or families;

“(B) A member of the Clergy;

“(C) The Mayor or his designee;

“(D) A Member or staff of the Council; or

“(E) A person required to make reports under section 2 of An Act To  
provide for the mandatory reporting by physicians and institutions in the District of Columbia of  
certain physical abuse of children, approved November 5, 1966 (80 Stat. 1354; D.C. Official  
Code § 4-1321.02).

“(2) Information divulged pursuant to this subsection shall be transmitted and  
maintained in a manner to protect the confidentiality of the individual and shall not be disclosed  
to unauthorized persons.”.

(b) Section 16-2332 is amended by adding a new subsection (b-1) to read as follows:

“(b-1)(1) Information contained in juvenile social records pertaining to a child may be  
divulged to a person who has a professional interest in the protection, welfare, treatment, and  
rehabilitation of the child or the child’s family, for the purpose of protecting the safety of the  
child, the safety of others, or providing services to the child or the child’s family, who is:

“(A) An employee of a public or private entity receiving District funds to  
provide services for children or families;

“(B) A member of the Clergy;

“(C) The Mayor or his designee;

“(D) A Member or staff of the Council; or

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“(2) Information divulged pursuant to this subsection shall be transmitted and

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maintained in a manner to protect the confidentiality of the individual and shall not be disclosed  
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(c) Section 16-2333 is amended as follows:

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(1) A new subsection (b-2) is added to read as follows:

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“(b-2)(1) Information contained in law enforcement records pertaining to a child  
may be divulged to a person who has a professional interest in the protection, welfare, treatment,  
and rehabilitation of the child or the child’s family, for the purpose of protecting the safety of the  
child, the safety of others, or providing services to the child or the child’s family, who is:

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“(2) Information divulged pursuant to this subsection shall be transmitted and maintained in a manner to protect the confidentiality of the individual and shall not be disclosed to unauthorized persons.”.

(2) A new subsection (e) is added to read as follows:

“(e) Notwithstanding the confidentiality requirements of subsection b of this section, the Attorney General of the District of Columbia shall make quarterly reports available to the public of the number of individuals under the age of 18 arrested in the District by charge, date, time, and location of the alleged offense, and permanent residence by police service area, of the individual charged.”.

Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement in the committee report as the fiscal impact statement required by section 602(c)(3) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code §1-206.02(c)(3)).

Sec. 4. Effective date.

This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of Congressional review as provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of Columbia Register.