

**PROBATE CODE OF 1939 (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 288 of 1939**

**712A.18r Competency evaluations; self-incrimination; evidence or statements inadmissible in proceeding determining responsibility; sealing reports; order to open reports; purposes; confidentiality; disclosure.**

Sec. 18r.

- (1) The constitutional protections against self-incrimination apply to all competency evaluations.
- (2) Any evidence or statement obtained during a competency evaluation is not admissible in any proceeding to determine the juvenile's responsibility.
- (3) A statement that a juvenile makes during a competency evaluation or evidence resulting from the statement concerning any other event or transaction is not admissible in any proceeding to determine the juvenile's responsibility for any other charges that are based on those events or transactions.
- (4) A statement that the juvenile makes during a competency evaluation may not be used for any purpose other than assessment of his or her competency without the written consent of the juvenile or the juvenile's guardian. The juvenile or the juvenile's guardian must have an opportunity to consult with his or her attorney before giving consent.
- (5) After the case proceeds to adjudication or the juvenile is found to be unable to regain competence, the court shall order all of the reports that are submitted according to sections 18n to 18q of this chapter to be sealed. The court may order that the reports be opened only as follows:
  - (a) For further competency or criminal responsibility evaluations.
  - (b) For statistical analysis.
  - (c) If the records are considered to be necessary to assist in mental health treatment ordered according to the mental health code.
  - (d) For data gathering.
  - (e) For scientific study or other legitimate research.
- (6) If the court orders reports to be open for the purposes of statistical analysis, data gathering, or scientific study according to subsection (5), the reports shall remain confidential.
- (7) Any statement that a juvenile makes during a competency evaluation, or any evidence resulting from that statement, is not subject to disclosure.

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