

OFFICE OF CHILD SUPPORT ACT (EXCERPT)
Act 174 of 1971

400.234 Information or records from other agencies.

Sec. 4.

(1) Upon request of the office or the state agency of another state that administers a program under part D of title IV of the social security act, chapter 531, 49 Stat. 620, 42 U.S.C. 651 to 660 and 663 to 669b, a governmental department, board, commission, bureau, agency, or council; a public or private entity; or a financial institution shall provide any information or record that assists in implementing this act. The information and records include, but are not limited to, all of the following:

(a) Information on the current employment, compensation, and benefits of the individual employed as an employee or an independent contractor of the entity including a for-profit, nonprofit, and governmental employer.

(b) A state or local government agency record including, but not limited to, all of the following:

(i) Vital statistics.

(ii) State or local tax and revenue records including information on residence address, employer, income, and assets.

(iii) A real and titled personal property record.

(iv) An occupational, professional, recreational, or sporting license record.

(v) A record on the ownership and control of a corporation, partnership, or other business entity.

(vi) An employment security agency record.

(vii) A record of an agency administering a public assistance program.

(viii) A motor vehicle record.

(ix) A corrections record.

(x) A worker's compensation record.

(c) Information from the law enforcement information network.

(d) Information from a financial institution as provided in section 4a.

(e) A public utility or cable television company record.

(2) The director of the office or his or her designee may issue an administrative subpoena to require an entity to furnish information or a record in the possession of the entity that pertains to a parent or putative father who is or was employed by or an independent contractor of the entity and that is demanded by the office for the purpose of administering or providing services pursuant to part D of title IV of the social security act, chapter 531, 49 Stat. 620, 42 U.S.C. 651 to 660 and 663 to 669b. The entity's officers or employees shall furnish the information or record within 15 days after the subpoena is received by the entity. This subsection does not abrogate a confidentiality privilege established by law.

(3) An entity is not liable under a federal or state law to any person for a disclosure of information to the office or the designee of the office under this act or for another action taken in good faith to comply with this act.

(4) A governmental department, board, commission, bureau, agency, or council or any public or private entity or financial institution is not liable for a wrongful disclosure of information or records if the governmental department, board, commission, bureau, agency, or council or public or private entity or financial institution acted in good faith. A governmental department, board, commission, bureau, agency, or council or any public or private entity or financial institution is liable for a negligent wrongful disclosure of information or records in an amount of the damages incurred or \$1,000.00, whichever is greater. A governmental department, board, commission, bureau, agency, or council or any public or private entity or financial institution is liable for a willful wrongful disclosure of information or records in an amount of 3 times the damages incurred or \$3,000.00, whichever is greater, together with all costs and reasonable attorney's fees incurred. For the purposes of this subsection, each violation gives rise to a separate cause of action for which separate damages may be awarded. For the purposes of this subsection, damages include reasonable attorney fees.

(5) If an entity does not comply with a subpoena or request for information or records, the director of the office or his or her designee may petition the circuit court in the county in which the inquiry is being made to require the production of books, papers, and documents. In the case of refusal to comply with a subpoena or request for information, the circuit court may issue an order requiring the person to appear and to produce books, records, and papers. The court may punish a failure to comply with the court order as contempt.

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