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## CHAPTER 262

## RELIEF AND PUBLIC WELFARE

## WELFARE ORGANIZATION LAW

(Senate Bill No. 302. By Senators Bermingham, Cisneros, and Lucas.)

## A N A C T

AMENDING 119-1-8, COLORADO REVISED STATUTES 1963, AS AMENDED, CONCERNING ESTABLISHMENT OF A CENTRAL REGISTRY OF PARENTS OF ABANDONED CHILDREN.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

Section 1. 119-1-8, Colorado Revised Statutes 1963, as amended, is amended BY THE ADDITION OF NEW SUBSECTIONS (4), (5), AND (6) to read:

119-1-8. Central registry for location of deserting parents.—(4) (a) There shall be established in the department, a central registry of records, showing, as far as is known, with respect to parents who have, or appear to have, abandoned children who are recipients of public assistance or care, or are likely or liable to become in need thereof:

(b) The full and true name of each such parent together with any known aliases;

(c) His date and place of birth;

(d) His physical description;

(e) His social security number;

(f) His employment history;

(g) His military record;

(h) Any further information that may be of assistance in locating him.

(5) To effectuate the purposes of this section, the director may request and shall receive from departments, boards, bureaus, or other agencies of the state, or any of its political subdivisions, and the same are authorized to provide such assistance and data as will enable the department and county welfare departments properly to carry out their powers and duties to locate such parents and to enforce their liability for the support of their children. Any records established pursuant to the provisions of this section shall be available only to welfare departments, the attorney general, district attorneys, county attorneys, and courts having jurisdiction in support and abandonment proceedings or actions.

(6) (a) To assist state and county welfare departments to carry out

their responsibilities, powers, and duties to enforce the liability of parents for the support of their minor children who are recipients of public assistance, or care, the department shall:

(b) Cooperate with the state information agent for the purposes of the uniform support of dependents law of this state and reciprocal laws of other states.

(c) Aid in the location of deserting parents and, for such purpose, operate a central registry of deserting parents, obtain and transmit pertinent information and data from public officials and agencies and assist in the training of local personnel employed to locate such parents.

(d) Stimulate and encourage cooperation, through the holding of meetings and the exchange of information, between and among public officials, law enforcement agencies, and courts having powers and duties relating to the enforcement of the liability of parents for the support of their minor children, including cooperation with public officials, agencies, and courts of other states and the federal government.

(e) Upon request, or when required to do so by other provisions of law, advise such officials in the performance of their duties hereinabove referred to.

(f) Develop or assist in the development of appropriate forms, guides, manuals, handbooks, and other material which may be necessary or useful effectively to accomplish the foregoing.

(g) Adopt necessary rules and regulations in order to effect the purposes of this section.

**Section 2. Safety clause.**—The general assembly hereby finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.

Approved: May 27, 1967