

CHAPTER 307—H.F.No.1278

An act relating to child welfare; directing the county welfare board to make the services of its public child welfare program available to the court for the purpose of making investigations in divorce cases; amending Minnesota Statutes 1969, Section 393.07, Subdivision 1.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1969, Section 393.07, Subdivision 1, is amended to read:

393.07 CHILD WELFARE; DIVORCE; INVESTIGATIONS; POWERS AND DUTIES. Subdivision 1. PUBLIC CHILD WELFARE PROGRAM.

a. To assist in carrying out the child protection, delinquency prevention and family assistance responsibilities of the state, the county welfare board shall administer a program of social services and financial assistance to be known as the public child welfare program. The public child welfare program shall be supervised by the commissioner of public welfare and administered by the county welfare board in accordance with law and with rules and regulations of the commissioner.

b. The purpose of the public child welfare program is to assure protection for and financial assistance to children who are confronted with social, physical, or emotional problems requiring such protection and assistance. These problems include, but are not limited to the following:

(1) Mental, emotional, or physical handicap;

(2) Illegitimacy, including but not limited to costs of prenatal care, confinement and other care necessary for the protection of a child who will be illegitimate when born;

(3) Dependency, neglect;

(4) Delinquency;

(5) Abuse or rejection of a child by its parents;

(6) Absence of a parent or guardian able and willing to provide needed care and supervision;

(7) Need of parents for assistance with child rearing problems, or in placing the child in foster care.

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c. A county welfare board shall make the services of its public child welfare program available as required by law, by the commissioner, or by the courts and shall cooperate with other agencies, public or private, dealing with the problems of children and their parents as provided in this subdivision.

The public child welfare program shall be available in divorce cases for investigations of children and home conditions and for supervision of children when directed by the court hearing the divorce.

d. A county welfare board may rent, lease, or purchase property, or in any other way approved by the commissioner, contract with individuals or agencies to provide needed facilities for foster care of children. It may purchase services or child care from duly authorized individuals, agencies or institutions when in its judgment the needs of a child or his family can best be met in this way.

Approved May 15, 1971.

CHAPTER 308—H.F.No.1476

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An act authorizing the county board of Steele county to annually appropriate money as a contingent fund for the use by the chairman of the board for incidental costs and expenses.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

Section 1. STEELE COUNTY; INCIDENTAL COSTS AND EXPENSES. In addition to the amount authorized by Minnesota Statutes, Section 375.16, the county board of Steele county may annually appropriate from the county revenue fund a sum not exceeding \$500 as a contingent fund for use by the chairman of the county board, or any member of the county board acting in the capacity of the chairman, at his discretion to pay for incidental costs and expenses incurred in expediting the business of the county of Steele. The fund shall be under the exclusive control of the chairman of the county board or any member of the county board acting in the capacity of the chairman, subject to post audit by the county board.

Sec. 2. This act takes effect when approved by the county board of Steele county, and upon compliance with Minnesota Statutes, Section 645.021.

Approved May 15, 1971.

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