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§21A-10-19. Disclosure of information to child support agencies.

(a) The Bureau of Employment Programs shall disclose, upon request, to officers or employees of any state or local child support enforcement agency, and to employees of the federal secretary of health and human services, any wage and benefit information with respect to individuals which is contained in its records.

The term "state or local child support enforcement agency" means any agency of a state or political subdivision thereof operating pursuant to a plan described in section 453, 453a or 454 of the Social Security Act, as codified in 42 U.S.C. §§653, 653a and 654 which has been approved by the secretary of health and human services under Part D, Title IV of the Social Security Act, as codified in 42 U.S.C. §§651 through 669b.

(b) The requesting agency shall agree that the information is to be used only for the purpose of establishing and collecting child support obligations from, and locating, individuals owing the obligations which are being enforced pursuant to a plan described in section 453, 453a or 454 of the Social Security Act, as codified in 42 U.S.C. §§653, 653a and 654 respectively, which has been approved by the secretary of health and human services under Part D, Title IV of the Social Security Act, as codified in 42 U.S.C. §§651 through 669b, or as otherwise authorized in 42 U.S.C. §653 (i)(1), (i)(3) and (j).

(c) The information may not be released unless the requesting agency agrees to reimburse the costs involved for furnishing the information.

(d) In addition to the requirements of this section, all other requirements with respect to confidentiality of information obtained in the administration of this chapter and the sanctions imposed on improper disclosure shall apply to the use of the information by officers, and employees of child support enforcement agencies. A state or local child support enforcement agency may disclose to any agent of the agency that is under contract with the agency to carry out the purposes described in subsection (b) of this section, wage information that is disclosed to an officer or employee of the agency under subsection (a) of this section. Any agent of a state or local child support agency that receives wage information under this paragraph shall comply with the safeguards established to keep the information confidential and is subject to the criminal provisions of subsection (g), section eleven of this article.

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