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CHAPTER 410

AN ACT to repeal 48.21 and 48.30 (3); and to amend 48.29 (4), 48.40 (2) and 48.45 (2) of the statutes, relating to the supervision of child welfare by the state department of public welfare and county children's boards and the reporting of illegitimate births.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 48.21 of the statutes is repealed.

SECTION 2. 48.29 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

48.29 (4) The county children's board may discharge its duties through * * * personnel *designated* for this purpose. The compensation of any person so employed shall be fixed by the county board of supervisors. Two or more county children's boards may combine in the employment of personnel and share the services and divide the cost upon some agreed basis.

SECTION 3. 48.30 (3) of the statutes is repealed.

SECTION 4. 48.40 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

48.40 (2) Whenever the state department of public welfare shall be advised or shall have reason to believe that any person in this state is conducting or maintaining a foster home without having a permit therefor, as in this chapter provided, it shall make an investigation to ascertain the facts and take necessary steps to protect the children in such foster home either by issuing a permit pursuant to s. 48.38 or by removing said children. The state department of public welfare may also cause a prosecution to be instituted against such person under the provisions of s. 48.41. The state department of public welfare may refuse to issue a permit to any foster home which does not comply with any rule, regulation or standard established by the department for the conduct of a foster home. The department shall be authorized *with the approval of the judge of the juvenile court* to remove any children from a foster home which has been denied a permit.

SECTION 5. 48.45 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

48.45 (2) Whenever any woman is received in a maternity hospital because of pregnancy or in childbirth or within 2 weeks after childbirth, such hospital shall use diligence to ascertain whether such patient is married; and, if there is reason to believe that her child is or will be when born an illegitimate child, such hospital shall report to the state department of public welfare within 24 hours * * * the presence of such woman.

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