

next succeeding the birth furnish the local registrar or deputy local registrar of the registration district wherein such birth shall have taken place, proper and correct certificate of birth as required by section 9 of this act.

SEC. 14. In the event of the birth of any child without the attendance of either a physician or midwife, it shall be the duty of the father, coroner, householder, keeper of any workhouse, house of correction, prison, hospital, reformatory, almshouse, or other institution, master or other commanding officer of a ship or vessel and the conductor of any railroad train to report in writing, four days next succeeding the birth, to the local registrar or deputy local registrar of the registration district wherein such birth occurs the full name of the mother, the full name of the father, if it can be ascertained, date, hour and place of birth, and the sex and color of the child, and it shall be the duty of the local registrar or deputy local registrar, to whom such report is presented, to immediately investigate the same and to execute and send a proper and correct certificate of birth as provided by section 9 of this act.

And all physicians, midwives, informants or undertakers, and all other persons having knowledge of the facts, are hereby required to furnish such information as they may possess regarding any birth or death upon demand of the state registrar, in person, by mail or through the local registrar.

SEC. 15. The records of births and deaths shall be preserved by the county registrar, and shall be open to inspection for proper purposes by all city, town or county officials, by the state registrar or his accredited representative, provided that such examination shall be made in such a way that the contents of the registrars shall not be subjected to risk of damage or alteration, and the prompt registry of births and deaths received by the registrar shall not be interrupted. The county registrar shall promptly inquire into the facts when any omissions or discrepancies in the personal or statistical facts are called to his attention, shall truly ascertain such missing facts of record, and make a certified statement thereof to the State registrar, and enter the correction in red ink over his official signature upon his record. The county registrar shall further inquire into and investigate all violations or suspected violations of this act and shall furnish to the State registrar full data and information regarding the same. The contents of the register or a copy thereof duly certified by the county registrar, shall be prima facie evidence in all courts, and for all purposes of the facts relative to any birth or death therein recorded, and shall