

having a right thereto in his official capacity, it shall be unlawful for any person or persons to divulge or make known in any manner the names of, the amounts paid to, or any other information concerning, persons applying for or receiving general assistance, old-age assistance, aid to the blind, or aid to dependent children, directly or indirectly derived from the records, papers, files, investigations or communications of the State, county or city, or sub-divisions or agencies thereof, or acquired in the course of the performance of official duties.

(2) Nothing herein shall be construed to prohibit the publication of statistics so classified as to prevent the identification of particular persons or cases, or to prohibit the disclosure of information concerning particular persons or cases, for purposes of administration and in accordance with the regulations of the State Department, to the officials of this State, the counties thereof, the United States, or any other State.

(3) Any offense against the provisions of this section shall be a misdemeanor and shall be punishable by a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars (\$500) or imprisonment for not exceeding ninety days, or both, in the discretion of the court.

(3B.) It shall be the duty of the attorney to the County Commissioners of each of the several counties of the State, or an attorney to be designated by the County Commissioners, to institute and defend all civil cases in which any county welfare board is an interested party. All such suits shall be instituted in the name of the welfare board of such county.

Whenever such attorneys institute suit for the recovery, from the estate of a recipient of any type of public assistance, of the amount paid to such recipient during his lifetime, or whenever such attorneys institute suit for the recovery, from a recipient of any type of public assistance, of the amount paid to such recipient prior to his coming into possession of any property or income in excess of the amount stated in his application for assistance and in excess of his need, such attorneys may be allowed such fees for their services as may be fixed by the court, and the amount of such fees allowed by the court shall be deducted from the gross amount of the recovery in each case, and the net amount of the recovery turned over to the county welfare board to be divided between the State, the county, and the Federal Government in proportion to the amount paid by each respectively.

8. All monies appropriated to charitable institutions, organizations or agencies (including hospitals), shall be paid to them on a per capita basis at the rates and subject to the rules and regulations established by the State Board of Public Welfare; and any part of such appropriations may be used for matching purposes in the event that the Federal Government