

days of the receipt of the oral or written report first disclosing to the local department of welfare the existence of a possible violation of this Act. Upon request by the local department of welfare, the local state's attorney and other appropriate law enforcement or social agencies having jurisdiction shall assist in the investigation.

(f) Based on their findings, the local welfare department shall render the appropriate service in the best interests of the child, INCLUDING, WHEN INDICATED, PETITIONING THE JUVENILE COURT IN BEHALF OF THE CHILD FOR THE ADDED PROTECTION TO THE CHILD WHICH EITHER COMMITMENT OR CUSTODY WOULD PROVIDE. The local state's attorney and other appropriate law enforcement agencies having jurisdiction shall take such lawful action as may be appropriate in the circumstances.

(g) "Local department of welfare" or "local state's attorney" ordinarily refer to the jurisdiction in which the child's home is located.

[c] (h) (G) Any ~~one~~ HEALTH PRACTITIONER, EDUCATION, HEALTH, MENTAL HEALTH, OR SOCIAL WORKER OR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER, participating in the making OF a report pursuant to this section or participating in a judicial proceeding resulting therefrom shall in so doing be immune from any civil liability that might otherwise be incurred or imposed in connection with such report.

(i) (H) The State Department of Welfare shall maintain a central registry of cases reported under this Act, which data shall be furnished by the respective local welfare boards throughout the State of Maryland and this data shall be at the disposal of public welfare, social agencies, public health agencies, law enforcement agencies, as well as licensed health practitioners and health and education institutions licensed or regulated by the State of Maryland.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect on June 1, 1966.*

Approved April 29, 1966.

CHAPTER 222

(Senate Bill 154)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 266-O and 266W of Article 41 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1965 Replacement Volume), title "Governor—Executive and Administrative Departments", subtitle "Department of Economic Development", subheading "Maryland Industrial Development Financing Authority Act", to remove a limitation on the amount of machinery and equipment included in a project insured under the industrial development financing authority act, to provide for the exemption from INCOME taxation in the State of interest accruing where a county or municipality is the mortgagor of an industrial development project, CONCERNING THE METHOD OF ACQUIRING AND CONTRACTING FOR CONSTRUCTION OF SUCH PROJECTS BY A COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY and to provide authority for an industry to acquire property and facilities leased to it under the act.