

shall be paid the reasonable expenses necessary for the discharge of his official duties. The *State* Director of **Public Welfare** *Social Services* shall serve as executive secretary to the advisory council.

(b) The advisory council to the *State* ~~Department~~ DEPARTMENT shall have continuing responsibility for the initiation of activity leading to strengthened child welfare services including prevention and control of illegitimacy by providing leadership through investigation and recommendation of policy, programs and plans for their implementation.

(c) The advisory council shall report the results of its investigations and make its recommendations to the *State* Board **of Public Welfare**. The council shall publish its assessment of the progress and effectiveness of the State's efforts to strengthen child welfare services and to control illegitimacy, and its recommendations for their improvement, through the annual report of the *State* Department **of Public Welfare** to the General Assembly.

5.

The *State* Board **of Public Welfare** is hereby authorized and empowered to adopt from time to time **[,]** such rules and regulations **[,]** as may be necessary **[,]** to carry out any of the duties imposed upon it by law, and when adopted **[,]** such rules and regulations shall have the force and effect of law. It shall likewise adopt rules and regulations covering the custody, use and preservation of the records, papers, files and communications of the *State* and local departments concerning applicants and recipients of *social services and public* assistance. The use of such records, papers, files and communications by any other agency or department of government to which they may be furnished shall be limited to the purposes for which they are furnished.

5A.

The *State* Department **of Public Welfare** shall establish a central registry of records containing all available identifying information of parents who have deserted or appear to have deserted, children who are likely, or liable to be, recipients of public assistance or foster care. To effectuate the purposes of this section, the *State* Department may request and shall receive from departments, boards, bureaus, commissions, and other agencies of the *State* or any of its political subdivisions, and the same are authorized to provide, such information, assistance and data as will enable the *State* Department to locate these deserting or absent parents and to enforce their liability for the support of their children. Any records established pursuant to the provisions of this section shall be available only to authorized representatives of the *State* and local **welfare** departments, and other persons having a right thereto in their official capacity.

6.

(1) Except in accordance with proper judicial or legislative order and except to an officer of the *State*, or the United States, 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,