

officer represents the complainant or petitioner, he shall have the same authority and powers granted to the State's attorney under §§ 66D and 66L of this subtitle.

66G.

The court, upon motion of a party to the proceedings or upon its own motion, shall order the mother, child, and alleged father to submit to blood tests necessary to determine whether or not the alleged father can be excluded as being the father of the child. The test results may be received in evidence in cases where definite exclusion is established, and in cases in which exclusion is not established, if testing was sufficiently extensive to exclude 97.3 percent of putative fathers who are not biological fathers, and the statistical probability of the alleged father's paternity is at least 97.3 percent. The tests shall be made in laboratories selected by the court from a list provided by the [bureau of support enforcement of the Social Services Administration] CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES. Reports of such tests shall be made by such laboratories in writing and in the form required by the court. Copies of the reports shall be furnished to the petitioner or complainant and to the alleged father or their counsel. The reports, when admissible in evidence, shall be accepted as prima facie evidence of the results of such tests. Unless indigent, the party requesting the blood tests shall be responsible for their costs; however, if the requesting party prevails in the action, the court shall assess such costs against the other party or parties in the action. If a party is indigent, the tests shall be paid for by the county or city where the proceedings are pending, unless the court orders one or more of the parties to the proceedings to pay for all or part of the costs. When the tests are admitted in evidence, the laboratory technicians who made them are subject to cross-examination by all parties to the proceedings. If any person fails to submit to the blood tests ordered by the court, such facts, when properly adduced by evidence, shall be disclosed to the court and jury and may be commented upon by the court or by counsel to the jury or to the court when the case is tried without a jury.

66-I.

The court may direct that the payments of the sums provided for by any order under this subtitle shall be made to the mother or to such person as the court may deem proper, but if the child is or is likely to become a public charge on a county or city of this State, the court may direct such sums to be paid to the [bureau of support enforcement of the Social Services Administration] CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES for the support and maintenance of the child.

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