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#### CHAPTER 1051

### CHILD WELFARE SERVICES

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#### § 3701. Establishment; purposes

The department, through its Bureau of Social Welfare, is authorized to cooperate with the Federal Government in establishing, extending and strengthening, especially in predominantly rural areas, child welfare services for the protection and care of homeless, dependent and neglected children, and children in danger of becoming delinquent, and in expending funds made available for such purposes. Nothing in this chapter shall be construed as authorizing any public official, agent or representative, in carrying out this chapter, to take charge of any child over the objection of either the father or the mother of such child, or of the person standing in loco parentis to such child, except pursuant to a proper court order.

R.S.1954, c. 25, § 231.

#### § 3702. Acceptance of provisions of federal law

The department is authorized to:

**1.** Federal aid. Apply for federal aid under Title V, Part 3, of the Social Security Act (Public No. 271, 74th Congress);

2. Cooperation with Federal Government. Cooperate with the Federal Government in the establishment and administration of such child welfare services on the basis of plans developed jointly by the state agency and the Federal Government, and acceptable to both;

**3. Reports.** Make such reports in such form and containing such information as the Federal Government may from time to time require, and comply with such provisions as the Federal Government may from time to time find necessary to assure the correctness and verification of such reports.

R.S.1954, c. 25, § 232.

#### § 3703. Federal grants

The Treasurer of State shall be the appropriate fiscal officer of the State to receive federal grants on account of child welfare services and administration thereof, as contemplated by Title V, Part 3, of the Federal Social Security Act, and the State Controller shall authorize expenditures therefrom as approved by the Department of Health and Welfare.

R.S.1954, c. 25, § 233.