

OFFICE OF CHILD SUPPORT ACT (EXCERPT)
Act 174 of 1971

400.234a Reports or information provided by financial institution.

Sec. 4a. (1) The office shall enter into an agreement with financial institutions doing business in this state to collect the name, address, social security number, and account numbers for each parent who maintains an account at the financial institution and who owes past due child support as identified by the state.

(2) Not more than once each calendar quarter, the office may request from each financial institution the name, address, social security number, and account number for each person listed in the request who maintains an account at the financial institution.

(3) The office's request under subsection (2) shall contain the name and only 1 social security number for each person listed in the request.

(4) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the office shall remove an individual's name and social security number from a request to a financial institution under subsection (2) if the individual's name or social security number was on the requests to the financial institution in the 2 immediately preceding quarters and the financial institution did not find a match for that name or social security number for either of those requests. The office may include the individual's name and social security number on a request to the financial institution under subsection (2) in the succeeding quarter, if the office believes that the individual has opened an account subsequent to the 2 successive quarters in which a match was not found.

(5) All requests made by the office under subsection (2) shall be in machine readable form unless the financial institution expressly asks the office to submit the request in writing in which case the office shall submit the request and all subsequent requests to the financial institution in writing until the financial institution asks the office to submit the request in machine readable form after which time the office shall submit the request in machine readable form.

(6) Except as provided in subsection (10) or (12), the financial institution shall furnish the information in a machine readable form to the office unless the financial institution asked the office to submit the request in writing, in which case the financial institution may furnish the information in writing or in machine readable form. The financial institution shall furnish the information to the office within 45 days after receipt of the request from the office. A financial institution that files reports under this subsection is not required to comply with subsection (10).

(7) The financial institution may base its search of account records solely on the social security number that is provided for each person included in the request from the office.

(8) A financial institution may respond to the office that the name or the social security number, or both, that were contained in the office's request do not correspond to the records of the financial institution.

(9) A financial institution may choose only to furnish information on an account that has a balance of more than \$500.00 at the time the request is processed by the financial institution.

(10) As an alternative to subsection (6), within 45 days of the end of the first calendar quarter of every year, a financial institution may submit to the office, or to the federal government or its designee, a report of the name, address, social security number, and account number of each person who maintains an account at the financial institution on the last day of the first calendar quarter. Within 45 days after the end of each subsequent quarter of the calendar year, the financial institution that elects the option under this subsection shall submit to the office a report of the name, address, social security number, and account number of each person who opens a new account during the quarter or closes an account that had been reported in a prior quarter during the calendar year. The financial institution may furnish the report in a machine readable form or in writing to the office at the discretion of the financial institution. A financial institution that files reports under this subsection is not required to comply with subsection (6).

(11) Unless otherwise required by law, a financial institution that furnishes a report or provides information to the office under subsection (6) or (10), or to the federal government or its designee under subsection (12), shall not disclose to a depositor or an account holder that the name of the depositor or account holder has been received from or furnished to the office, or to the federal government or its designee. However, a financial institution may disclose to its depositors and account holders and others that the office, or the federal government or its designee, has the authority to request information on depositors or account holders and that the financial institution may provide that information to the office.

(12) To the extent permitted by federal law or policy, a financial institution may furnish information to the federal government or its designee in accordance with data matching processes the federal government establishes under part D of title IV of the social security act, chapter 531, 49 Stat. 620, 42 U.S.C. 651 to 660 and 663 to 669b.

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