

**257.175 DUTIES OF COMMISSIONER OF HUMAN SERVICES.**

It shall be the duty of the commissioner of human services to promote the enforcement of all laws for the protection of defective, dependent, neglected, and delinquent children, to cooperate to this end with juvenile courts and all reputable child-helping and child-placing agencies of a public or private character, and to take the initiative in all matters involving the interests of such children where adequate provision therefor has not already been made. The commissioner may appoint a chief executive officer and such assistants as shall be necessary to carry out the purposes of this section and section 257.33.

**History:** (4456) 1917 c 194 s 3; 1965 c 45 s 37; 1980 c 589 s 30; 1984 c 654 art 5 s 58