

**144.14 Foundlings.**

1. A person who assumes the custody of a living infant of unknown parentage shall report on a form and in the manner prescribed by the state registrar within five days to the county registrar of the county in which the child was found, the following information:

- a. The date and place the child was found.
- b. The sex, color or race, and approximate age of the child.
- c. The name and address of the person or institution which has assumed custody of the child.
- d. The name given to the child by the custodian.
- e. Other data required by the state registrar.

2. The place where the child was found shall be entered as the place of birth and the date of birth shall be determined by approximation. A report registered under [this section](#) shall constitute the certificate of birth for the infant.

3. If the child is identified and a certificate of birth is found or obtained, any report registered under [this section](#) shall be sealed and filed and may be opened only by order of a court of competent jurisdiction or as provided by regulation.

[C71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §144.14]

[88 Acts, ch 1158, §38](#); [2009 Acts, ch 133, §44](#)

Referred to in [§144.13A](#), [233.2](#), [331.611](#)