

Welfare Transition Program

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE FRAUD

State and Federal Law

Welfare section 414.025

Fraud Section 414.39

Government Funded program fraud is punishable with possible fines and up to 5 years of jail time.

Florida Statutes - 414.39

Any person who knowingly:

(a)Fails, by false statement, misrepresentation, impersonation, or other fraudulent means, to disclose a material fact used in making a determination as to such person's qualification to receive public assistance under any state or federally funded assistance program;

(b)Fails to disclose a change in circumstances in order to obtain or continue to receive any such public assistance to which he or she is not entitled or in an amount larger than that to which he or she is entitled; or

(c)Aids and abets another person in the commission of any such act, is guilty of a crime and shall be punished as provided in subsection (5).

Subsection (5).

(a)If the value of the public assistance or identification wrongfully received, retained, misappropriated, sought, or used is less than an aggregate value of \$200 in any 12 consecutive months, such person commits a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in s. [775.082](#) or s. [775.083](#). Misdemeanor of the first degree, by a definite term of imprisonment not exceeding 1 year.

(b)If the value of the public assistance or identification wrongfully received, retained, misappropriated, sought, or used is of an aggregate value of \$200 or more in any 12 consecutive months, such person commits a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s. [775.082](#), s. [775.083](#), or s. [775.084](#). by a term of imprisonment not exceeding 5 years.

To Report Possible Public Assistance Fraud

Please Call: 1-866-762-2237

or go online to: <http://www.dcf.state.fl.us/access/ReportFraud/MainForm.aspx>