

**CHAPTER 1014**  
**ACCESS TO LIBRARY RECORDS**  
*S.F. 442*

**AN ACT** relating to access to library records by criminal justice agencies.

*Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

Section 1. Section 68A.7, subsection 13, Code Supplement 1983, is amended to read as follows:

13. The records of a library which, by themselves or when examined with other public records, would reveal the identity of the library patron checking out or requesting an item from the library. The records shall be released to a criminal justice agency only pursuant to an investigation of a particular person or organization suspected of committing a known crime. The records shall be released only upon a judicial determination that a rational connection exists between the requested release of information and a legitimate end and that the need for the information is cogent and compelling.

Approved March 12, 1984

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**CHAPTER 1015**  
**MERIT SYSTEM EMPLOYEES PROTECTION**  
*H.F. 2019*

**AN ACT** to protect state employees from personnel actions as reprisals for providing information to legislators or disclosing waste, mismanagement, or violations of law, and subjecting violators to a penalty.

*Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

Section 1. Section 19A.19, Code 1983, is amended by adding the following new unnumbered paragraph:

NEW UNNUMBERED PARAGRAPH. A person shall not discharge an employee from or take or fail to take action regarding an employee's appointment or proposed appointment to, promotion or proposed promotion to, or any advantage in, a position in a merit system administered by, or subject to approval of, the Iowa merit employment commission as a

reprisal for a disclosure of information by that employee to a member of the general assembly, the legislative service bureau, the legislative fiscal bureau, or the respective caucus staffs of the general assembly, or a disclosure of information which the employee reasonably believes evidences a violation of law or rule, mismanagement, a gross abuse of funds, an abuse of authority, or a substantial and specific danger to public health or safety. This subsection does not apply if the disclosure of that information is prohibited by statute.

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**CHAPTER 1016**  
**CHILD RESTRAINT SYSTEMS REQUIRED**  
*S.F. 2089*

**AN ACT** requiring children under the age of six being transported in certain motor vehicles to be secured by child restraint systems, seat belts, or harnesses and providing a penalty and effective date.

*Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

Section 1. NEW SECTION. 321.446 CHILD RESTRAINT DEVICES.

1. A child under three years of age who is being transported in a motor vehicle subject to registration which has a gross weight of ten thousand pounds or less as specified by the manufacturer, except a school bus or motorcycle, shall be secured during transit by a child restraint system which meets federal motor vehicle safety standards and the system shall be used in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

2. A child at least three years of age but under six years of age who is being transported in a motor vehicle subject to registration which has a gross weight of ten thousand pounds or less as specified by the manufacturer, except a school bus or motorcycle, shall be secured during transit by either a child restraint system that meets federal motor vehicle safety standards and is used in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions, or by a safety belt or safety harness of a type approved under section 321.445.

3. This section does not apply to nonresidents of Iowa or to peace officers acting on official duty. This section also does not apply to the transportation of children in 1965 model year or older vehicles. This section does not apply to the transportation of a child who has been certified by a physician licensed under chapter 148, 150, or 150A as having a medical, physical, or mental condition which prevents or makes inadvisable securing the child in a child restraint system, safety belt or safety harness.

4. The operator who violates subsection 1 or 2 is guilty of a misdemeanor and subject only to the penalty provisions of section 5 of this Act.

5. A person who is first charged for a violation of subsection 1 and who has not purchased or otherwise acquired a child restraint system shall not be convicted if the person produces in court, within a reasonable time, proof that the person has purchased or otherwise acquired a