

**CHAPTER 1177**  
**CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE CASES**  
*H.F. 2422*

**AN ACT** relating to the department of human services' authority to investigate certain child sexual abuse cases and control access to certain information in child abuse cases.

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

Section 1. Section 232.68, subsection 2, paragraphs b and d, Code Supplement 1985, are amended to read as follows:

b. The commission of any a sexual offense with or to a child pursuant to chapter 709, section 726.2, or section 728.12, subsection 1, as a result of the acts or omissions of the person responsible for the care of the child. Notwithstanding section 702.5, the commission of a sexual offense under this paragraph includes any sexual offense referred to in this paragraph with or to a person under the age of eighteen years.

d. The acts or omissions of a person responsible for the care of a child which allow, permit, or encourage the child to engage in prostitution acts prohibited pursuant to section 725.1. Notwithstanding section 702.5, acts or omissions under this paragraph include an act or omission referred to in this paragraph with or to a person under the age of eighteen years.

Sec. 2. Section 235A.15, subsection 2, paragraph f, Code Supplement 1985, is amended to read as follows:

f. To a person conducting bona fide research on child abuse, if the details identifying any subject of a child abuse report are deleted but without information identifying individuals named in a child abuse report, unless having the information open to review is essential to the research or evaluation and the authorized registry official gives prior written approval and the child's guardian or guardian ad litem gives permission to release the information.

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**CHAPTER 1178**  
**VICTIMS AND WITNESSES OF CRIMES**  
*H.F. 2458*

**AN ACT** relating to victims and witnesses of criminal offenses, and providing penalties.

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

Section 1. It is the purpose of this Act to assure the fair and compassionate treatment of victims and witnesses of crimes and to increase the effectiveness of the criminal justice system by affording to them certain basic rights and consideration, and by reaffirming the criminal justice system's fundamental responsibility to victims and witnesses to ensure their equitable and fair treatment, protect them from intimidation and further injury, assist them in overcoming emotional and economic hardships resulting from criminal acts, and to keep them informed of the status of their case.

Sec. 2. Section 901.3, subsection 5, Code 1985, is amended to read as follows:

5. The harm to the victim, the victim's immediate family, and the community. Additionally, the presentence investigator shall provide a victim impact statement form to each victim, if one has not already been provided, and shall file the completed statement or statements with the presentence investigation report.

Sec. 3. Section 901.5, unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 1985, is amended to read as follows: