

**135A.7 Governmental public health system and accreditation data collection system.**

1. The department shall establish and maintain a governmental public health system and an accreditation data collection system by which the state board of health, the director, the department, the council, and the committee may monitor the implementation and effectiveness of the governmental public health system based on the Iowa public health standards.

2. Notwithstanding section 22.7 or any other provision of law, local boards of health shall provide to the department and the accrediting entity upon request all data and information necessary to determine the local board's capacity to comply with the Iowa public health standards, including but not limited to data and information regarding governance, administration, communication and information technology, workforce, personnel, staffing, budget, contracts, and other program and agency information.

3. The department may share any data or information collected pursuant to this section with the council or the committee as necessary to perform the duties of the council and committee. Data and information provided to the department under this section which are confidential pursuant to section 22.7, subsection 2, 11, or 50, section 139A.3, or other provision of law, remain confidential and shall not be released by the department, the council, or the committee.

4. During the pendency of the accreditation process, all accreditation files and reports prepared for or maintained by the accrediting entity are confidential and are not subject to discovery, subpoena, or other means of legal compulsion for their release. After the accrediting entity has issued its recommendation or report only the preliminary drafts of the recommendation or report, and records otherwise confidential pursuant to chapter 22 or other provision of state or federal law, shall remain confidential and are not subject to discovery, subpoena, or other means of legal compulsion for their release.

5. To the extent possible, activities under this section shall be coordinated with other health data collection systems including those maintained by the department.

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