

Senate Study Bill 2194

Conference Committee Text

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1 1 Section 1. Section [622B.4](#), Code 1995, is amended to read
1 2 as follows:

1 3 622B.4 LIST.

1 4 The division of deaf services of the department of human
1 5 rights shall prepare and continually update a listing of
1 6 qualified and available interpreters. The courts and
1 7 administrative agencies shall maintain a directory of
1 8 qualified interpreters for deaf and hard-of-hearing persons as
1 9 furnished by the department of human rights. The division of
1 10 deaf services shall maintain

~~information on the qualifications~~

1 11 a list of interpreters

~~, which information is confidential~~

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~~except~~

~~which shall be made available to a court,~~

1 13 administrative agency, or interested parties to an action

1 14 using the services of an interpreter.

1 15 EXPLANATION

1 16 This bill provides that the list of qualified and available
1 17 interpreters maintained by the deaf services division of the
1 18 department of human rights will be considered nonconfidential
1 19 information. This information has previously been regarded as
1 20 confidential except when provided to a court, administrative
1 21 agency, or interested parties to an action using the services
1 22 of an interpreter.

1 23 BACKGROUND STATEMENT

1 24 SUBMITTED BY THE AGENCY

1 25 The deaf services commission of Iowa (DSCI) provides a list
1 26 of qualified interpreters to the courts, administrative
1 27 agencies, or to any interested parties to an action using the
1 28 services of an interpreter. In preparing this list, DSCI
1 29 informs parties how this information will be used and receives
1 30 permission from each interpreter before adding their name to
1 31 the list. Stating that the information is confidential is not
1 32 necessary when such practices ensure the informed use of the
1 33 personal data. Therefore, the commission saw this as an
1 34 oversight in terms of the information being deemed
1 35 confidential when in fact it is public.

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