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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the release of information by the department
2 of corrections or a judicial district department of
3 correctional services upon request to a registered victim
4 regarding the employment of the person who committed the
5 crime.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 904.602, subsection 3, Code 1997, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 3. Information identified in subsection 2 shall not be
4 disclosed or used by any person or agency except for purposes
5 of the administration of the department's programs of services
6 or assistance and shall not, except as otherwise provided in
7 ~~subsection-4~~ this section, be disclosed by the department or
8 be used by persons or agencies outside the department unless
9 they are subject to, or agree to, comply with standards of
10 confidentiality comparable to those imposed on the department
11 by this section.

12 Sec. 2. Section 904.602, Code 1997, is amended by adding
13 the following new subsection:

14 NEW SUBSECTION. 6A. Information described in subsection 2
15 which pertains to the name and address of the employer of an
16 individual who is receiving or has received services shall be
17 released upon request to a registered victim of a crime which
18 was committed by that individual.

19 Sec. 3. Section 910A.9, Code 1997, is amended by adding
20 the following new subsection:

21 NEW SUBSECTION. 8. Information which may be obtained upon
22 request pertaining to or the procedures for obtaining
23 information upon request pertaining to the offender's current
24 employer.

25 EXPLANATION

26 This bill permits persons who are registered as victims of
27 a crime to obtain information upon request pertaining to the
28 employer of the offender who has committed the crime against
29 the registered victim. Code section 904.602 is amended to
30 provide, upon request by a registered victim of a crime, an
31 exception to the confidentiality requirements which protect
32 from disclosure the name of the employer of a person who is
33 receiving or has received services from the department of
34 corrections or a judicial district department of corrections.
35 The bill also provides that the department of corrections is

1 to, upon request, release to registered victims of violent
2 crimes information pertaining to or the procedures for
3 obtaining information pertaining to the employer of the
4 perpetrator of the crime. Currently, although the location of
5 the perpetrator of a crime may be released by the department
6 or a judicial district department of corrections to any member
7 of the general public, the name of the employer of the
8 perpetrator may only be released under very limited
9 circumstances.

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