

**Senate File 2119 - Introduced**

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BY COMMITTEE ON HUMAN  
RESOURCES

(SUCCESSOR TO SSB 3038)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the sealing and expungement of child abuse  
2 registry information.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 235A.18, subsection 1, paragraph a, Code  
2 Supplement 2011, is amended to read as follows:

3 a. Report and disposition data relating to a particular  
4 case of alleged child abuse shall be sealed ten years after  
5 the initial placement of the data in the registry unless good  
6 cause be shown why the data should remain open to authorized  
7 access. If a subsequent report of an alleged case of child  
8 abuse involving the child named in the initial data placed in  
9 the registry as the victim of abuse or a person named in the  
10 data as having abused a child is received by the department  
11 within this ten-year period, the data shall be sealed ten years  
12 after receipt of the subsequent report unless good cause be  
13 shown why the data should remain open to authorized access.  
14 However, ~~such report and~~ a person named in the initial data  
15 placed in the registry as having abused a child shall have the  
16 person's name removed from the registry if that person has  
17 not had a subsequent case of alleged abuse which resulted in  
18 the person's name being placed in the registry as the person  
19 responsible for the abuse within the ten-year period. Report  
20 and disposition data shall be made available to the department  
21 of justice if the department requests access to the alleged  
22 child abuse records for purposes of review by the prosecutor's  
23 review committee or commitment of sexually violent predators  
24 under chapter 229A.

25 EXPLANATION

26 This bill amends Code section 235A.18, relating to sealing  
27 and expungement of founded child abuse information. The bill  
28 requires a person's name to be removed from the child abuse  
29 registry by the department of human services after 10 years as  
30 long as that person has had no subsequent founded child abuse  
31 report or reports during that 10-year time span. The bill  
32 states the person's name will be removed regardless of whether  
33 the report and disposition data relating to the particular case  
34 remain open to authorized access.