

**House File 2055 - Introduced**

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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to Iowa's public records Act and library  
2 records of a minor.

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

1 Section 1. Section 22.7, subsection 13, Code 2014, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 13. a. The Except as otherwise provided in paragraphs "b"  
4 and "c", records of a library which, by themselves or when  
5 examined with other public records, would reveal the identity  
6 of the library patron checking out or requesting an item or  
7 information from the library.

8 b. The records shall be released to a criminal or  
9 juvenile justice agency only pursuant to an investigation of  
10 a particular person or organization suspected of committing  
11 a known crime. The records shall be released only upon a  
12 judicial determination that a rational connection exists  
13 between the requested release of information and a legitimate  
14 end and that the need for the information is cogent and  
15 compelling.

16 c. The records shall be released to the parent or guardian  
17 of a library patron who is a minor child upon the request of the  
18 parent or guardian.

19 EXPLANATION

20 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
21 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

22 Under Iowa Code section 22.7, library records which, by  
23 themselves or when examined with other public records, would  
24 reveal the identity of the library patron checking out or  
25 requesting an item or information from the library shall be  
26 kept confidential unless otherwise allowed by a court, by the  
27 lawful custodian of the records, or by another person duly  
28 authorized to release such information. However, the Code  
29 section does allow the release of library records to a criminal  
30 or juvenile justice agency only pursuant to an investigation  
31 of a particular person or organization suspected of committing  
32 a known crime and only upon a judicial determination that a  
33 rational connection exists between the requested release of  
34 information and a legitimate end and that the need for the  
35 information is cogent and compelling.

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1     This bill also provides for the release of library records to  
2 the parent or guardian of a library patron who is a minor child  
3 upon the request of the parent or guardian.