

**House File 686 - Introduced**

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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to public disclosures of certain information  
2 in the child abuse registry relating to founded reports of  
3 child abuse involving sexual abuse.

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

1 Section 1. Section 235A.15, subsection 1, Code 2023, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 1. Notwithstanding **chapter 22**, the confidentiality of  
4 all child abuse information shall be maintained, except as  
5 specifically provided by **this section** and **section 235A.15A**.

6 **Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 235A.15A Public dissemination of**  
7 **information contained in central registry — founded cases of**  
8 **child abuse involving sexual abuse.**

9 1. Notwithstanding section 235A.15, the department shall  
10 maintain an internet site for the public and others to access  
11 relevant information about a person who is the subject of a  
12 founded report of child abuse involving sexual abuse that would  
13 constitute a tier II or tier III offense, as those terms are  
14 defined in section 692A.102, against a minor if the person  
15 was convicted. The internet site, at a minimum, shall be  
16 searchable by name, county, city, zip code, and geographic  
17 radius.

18 2. Relevant information received by the department and  
19 required to be displayed on the internet site pursuant to  
20 this subsection shall be made available on the internet site  
21 within five business days of the department determining an  
22 allegation of child abuse involving sexual abuse to be founded  
23 or determining that information maintained on the internet site  
24 requires an update or correction.

25 *a.* The following relevant information about a person who  
26 is the subject of a founded report of child abuse involving  
27 sexual abuse pursuant to subsection 1 shall be disclosed on the  
28 internet site:

29 (1) The person's date of birth.

30 (2) The person's name, nickname, or aliases, including  
31 ethnic or tribal names.

32 (3) The person's photographs.

33 (4) A physical description of the person, including scars,  
34 marks, or tattoos.

35 (5) The person's residence.

1 (6) The statutory citation and text of the offense committed  
2 that requires registration under this chapter.

3 (7) A specific reference indicating whether the person is  
4 subject to residency restrictions pursuant to section 692A.114.

5 (8) A specific reference indicating whether the person is  
6 subject to exclusion zone restrictions pursuant to section  
7 692A.113.

8 *b.* The following relevant information shall not be disclosed  
9 on the department's internet site:

10 (1) Any relevant information about a person who is the  
11 subject of a founded report of child abuse involving sexual  
12 abuse pursuant to subsection 1 who was under twenty years of  
13 age at the time the abuse was committed that would constitute  
14 a violation of section 709.4, subsection 1, paragraph "b",  
15 subparagraph (2), subparagraph division (d), if convicted.

16 (2) The employer name, address, or location where the person  
17 is employed, if applicable.

18 (3) The address and name of any school where the person  
19 required to be on the registry attends, if applicable.

20 (4) A real name protected under 18 U.S.C. §3521.

21 (5) Any relevant information relating to the person who was  
22 under eighteen years of age when the abuse was committed.

23 (6) The identity of the victim.

24 (7) Information pertaining to unfounded or undetermined  
25 allegations of child abuse.

26 (8) Passport and immigration documents.

27 (9) A government-issued driver's license or nondriver  
28 identification card.

29 (10) DNA information.

30 (11) Fingerprints.

31 (12) Palm prints.

32 (13) Professional licensing information.

33 (14) A social security number.

34 (15) Records that have been sealed or expunged pursuant to  
35 section 235A.18.

1 (16) Any other relevant information not described in  
2 paragraph "a".

3 c. The department, at the department's discretion, may  
4 disseminate any relevant information available on the internet  
5 site established in subsection 1 through any other means to the  
6 general public.

7 3. The department shall include on the internet site  
8 established in subsection 1 instructions and any applicable  
9 forms necessary for a person seeking correction of information  
10 that the person contends is erroneous.

11 4. Records and information not available pursuant to this  
12 section or other provisions of this chapter are confidential  
13 and not subject to examination and copying by a member of the  
14 public.

15 EXPLANATION

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

18 This bill relates to public disclosures of certain  
19 information in the child abuse registry.

20 The bill requires the department of health and human  
21 services (HHS) to maintain an internet site for the public and  
22 others to access relevant information about a person who is the  
23 subject of a founded report of child abuse involving sexual  
24 abuse that would constitute a tier II or tier III offense, as  
25 those terms are defined in Code section 692A.102 (sex offense  
26 classifications), against a minor if the person was convicted.  
27 The internet site, at a minimum, must be searchable by name,  
28 county, city, zip code, and geographic radius.

29 The bill requires HHS to make relevant information received  
30 by HHS and required to be displayed on the internet site  
31 available on the internet site within five business days of HHS  
32 determining an allegation of child abuse involving sexual abuse  
33 is founded or determining that information maintained on the  
34 internet site requires an update or correction.

35 The bill details the type of information that is relevant

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1 information about a person who is the subject of a founded  
2 report of child abuse involving sexual abuse that shall  
3 be disclosed on the HHS internet site and what types of  
4 information shall not be included on the internet site.

5 The bill allows HHS, at HHS's discretion, to disseminate any  
6 relevant information available on the internet site through any  
7 other means to the general public.

8 The bill requires HHS to include instructions and any  
9 applicable forms necessary for a person seeking correction  
10 of information that the person contends is erroneous on the  
11 internet site.

12 The bill establishes that records and information not  
13 available on the internet site or Code chapter 235A (child  
14 abuse) are confidential and not subject to examination and  
15 copying by a member of the public.