

**Senate Study Bill 1170 - Introduced**

SENATE FILE \_\_\_\_\_  
BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON  
TRANSPORTATION BILL BY  
CHAIRPERSON KLIMESH)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to persons authorized to receive a copy of a  
2 written accident report filed by a law enforcement officer.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 321.271, subsection 2, Code 2023, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 2. All written reports filed by a law enforcement officer  
4 as required under [section 321.266](#) shall be made available to  
5 any party to an accident, the party's insurance company or  
6 its agent, the party's attorney, the federal motor carrier  
7 safety administration, or the attorney general, on written  
8 request to the department and the payment of a fee of four  
9 dollars for each copy. If a copy of an investigating officer's  
10 report of a motor vehicle accident filed with the department  
11 is retained by the law enforcement agency of the officer  
12 who filed the report, a copy shall be made available to any  
13 party to the accident, the party's insurance company or its  
14 agent, the party's attorney, the federal motor carrier safety  
15 administration, other law enforcement agencies, or the attorney  
16 general, on written request and the payment of a fee. However,  
17 the attorney general and the federal motor carrier safety  
18 administration shall not be required by the department or the  
19 law enforcement agency to pay a fee for a copy of a report filed  
20 by a law enforcement or investigating officer.

21 EXPLANATION

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

24 This bill authorizes a copy of a written report that  
25 was filed with the department of transportation by a law  
26 enforcement officer who investigated a motor vehicle accident  
27 which resulted in injury to or death of any person or total  
28 property damage to an apparent extent of \$1,500 or more, and  
29 that was retained by the agency of the officer who filed the  
30 report, to be made available to other law enforcement agencies.  
31 The bill does not apply this authorization to such reports that  
32 were not retained by the agency of the officer.

33 Under current law, a person eligible to receive a copy of  
34 the report, other than the attorney general or federal motor  
35 carrier safety administration, must make a written request and

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1 pay a fee, including other law enforcement agencies authorized  
2 under the bill.