

**House File 2136 - Introduced**

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BY FISHER

**A BILL FOR**

- 1 An Act relating to the confidentiality of library records of a
- 2 minor.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 22.7, subsection 13, Code 2026, is amended  
2 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 juvenile  
9 justice agency only pursuant to an investigation of a particular  
10 person or organization suspected of committing a known crime.  
11 The records shall be released only upon a judicial determination  
12 that a rational connection exists between the requested release  
13 of information and a legitimate end and that the need for the  
14 information is cogent and compelling.

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

18 EXPLANATION

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

21 This bill relates to the confidentiality of library records of  
22 a minor.

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

1 The 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.

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