

**House File 828 - Introduced**

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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to public disclosures of certain information in  
2 the child abuse registry relating to founded reports of child  
3 abuse involving sexual abuse.  
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 235A.15, subsection 1, Code 2025, 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 to allow the public access to relevant  
11 information about a person who is the subject of a founded report  
12 of child abuse involving an act that would constitute a tier II  
13 or tier III offense under section 692A.102, if the person was  
14 convicted. The internet site, at a minimum, shall be searchable  
15 by name, county, city, zip code, and geographic radius.

16 2. Information received by the department that is required to  
17 be displayed on the internet site under subsection 1 shall be  
18 made available on the internet site within five business days of  
19 the later of the following to occur:

20 a. The date the department determines the allegation of child  
21 abuse relating to the information is founded and that the act  
22 that constitutes child abuse would constitute a tier II or tier  
23 III offense under section 692A.102, if the alleged perpetrator  
24 was convicted.

25 b. The date the department received the information.

26 3. The following information shall be disclosed on the  
27 internet site pursuant to subsection 1:

28 a. The alleged perpetrator's date of birth.

29 b. The alleged perpetrator's name, nickname, or aliases,  
30 including ethnic or tribal names.

31 c. The alleged perpetrator's photographs.

32 d. A physical description of the alleged perpetrator,  
33 including scars, marks, or tattoos.

34 e. The alleged perpetrator's residence.

35 f. The statutory citation and text of the offense the alleged

1 act of child abuse would constitute if the alleged perpetrator  
2 was convicted.

3 g. Whether the alleged perpetrator is subject to residency  
4 restrictions pursuant to section 692A.114.

5 h. Whether the alleged perpetrator is subject to exclusion  
6 zone restrictions pursuant to section 692A.113.

7 4. The following information shall not be disclosed on the  
8 department's internet site:

9 a. Information about an alleged perpetrator who is the  
10 subject of a founded report of child abuse and who was under  
11 twenty years of age at the time the act of alleged child  
12 abuse was committed, if the alleged act of child abuse would  
13 constitute a violation of section 709.4, subsection 1, paragraph  
14 "b", subparagraph (2), subparagraph division (d), if the alleged  
15 perpetrator was convicted.

16 b. The employer name, address, or location where the alleged  
17 perpetrator is employed.

18 c. The address and name of any school the alleged perpetrator  
19 attends.

20 d. A real name if protected under 18 U.S.C. §3521.

21 e. Information relating to an alleged perpetrator who was  
22 under eighteen years of age when the alleged act of child abuse  
23 was committed.

24 f. The identity of the victim.

25 g. Information pertaining to unfounded or undetermined  
26 allegations of child abuse.

27 h. Passport and immigration documents.

28 i. Government-issued driver's licenses or nondriver  
29 identification cards.

30 j. DNA information.

31 k. Fingerprints.

32 l. Palm prints.

33 m. Professional licensing information.

34 n. Social security numbers.

35 o. Records that have been sealed or expunged pursuant to

1 section 235A.18.

2 p. Information not described in subsection 3.

3 5. This section shall not be construed to prohibit the  
4 dissemination of information available on the internet site  
5 established in subsection 1 to the general public by the  
6 department through any other means.

7 6. The department shall include on the internet site  
8 established in subsection 1 instructions and forms necessary for  
9 a person seeking to apply for a correction of information on the  
10 internet site.

11 7. The department shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A  
12 to implement this section.

13 EXPLANATION

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

16 This bill relates to public disclosures of certain information  
17 in the child abuse registry.

18 The bill requires the department of health and human services  
19 (HHS) to maintain an internet site to allow the public access  
20 to information about who is the subject of a founded report of  
21 child abuse involving an act that would constitute a tier II  
22 or tier III offense under Code section 692A.102 (sex offense  
23 classifications), if the person was convicted. The internet  
24 site, at a minimum, must be searchable by name, county, city, zip  
25 code, and geographic radius.

26 The bill requires HHS to make information received by HHS  
27 that is required to be displayed on the internet site either  
28 available on the internet site within five business days of the  
29 date HHS determines the allegation of child abuse relating to the  
30 information is founded and that the act would constitute a tier  
31 II or tier III offense if the alleged perpetrator was convicted,  
32 or the date HHS received the information, whichever is later.

33 The bill details the type of information that shall be  
34 included on the internet site and what type of information shall  
35 not be included on the internet site.

1 The bill is not to be construed to prohibit HHS from  
2 disseminating information available on the internet site through  
3 other means to the general public.

4 The bill requires HHS to include instructions and forms  
5 necessary for a person seeking to apply for a correction of  
6 information on the internet site.

7 The bill directs HHS to adopt rules to implement the bill.

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