

providing confidential access to the child named in the report, and to other children alleged to have relevant information, for the purposes of interviews. The investigators shall determine who shall be present at the interviews. The school administrators are under no duty to report the investigation or interview to the child's parent or guardian. The immunity granted by section 232.73 applies to such administrators and their school districts.

Sec. 4. Section 232.96, subsection 6, Code Supplement 1983, is amended to read as follows:

6. A report, study, record, or other writing or an audiotape or videotape recording made by the department of human services, a juvenile court officer, a peace officer or a hospital relating to a child in a proceeding under this division ~~shall be~~ is admissible notwithstanding any objection to hearsay statements contained ~~therein in it~~ provided it is relevant and material and provided its probative value substantially outweighs the danger of unfair prejudice to the child's parent, guardian, or custodian. The circumstances of the making of the report, study, record or other writing or an audiotape or videotape recording, including the maker's lack of personal knowledge, may be proved to affect its weight.

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**CHAPTER 1208**  
**FOSTER CARE REVIEW COMMITTEES**  
*H.F. 2430*

**AN ACT** relating to the selection and operation of foster care review committees under the department of human services.

*Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

Section 1. **NEW SECTION. 234.42 FOSTER CARE REVIEW COMMITTEES—CONFIDENTIALITY.** The department of human services shall select foster care review committees of at least three individuals each to review recommendations regarding a child foster care placement. The department shall determine the composition, organization, and duties of foster care review committees. Members of a foster care review committee who are not employees of the department are subject to the same standards of confidentiality comparable to those imposed on departmental employees under section 217.30.

Sec. 2. Section 232.147, subsection 3, Code Supplement 1983, is amended by adding the following new lettered paragraph:

**NEW LETTERED PARAGRAPH. g.** The foster care review committee selected to review recommendations regarding the child's placement in foster care pursuant to section 234.42.

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