

**235A.20 Civil remedy.**

Any aggrieved person may institute a civil action for damages under [chapter 669](#) or [670](#) or to restrain the dissemination of child abuse information in violation of [this chapter](#), and any person, agency or other recipient proven to have disseminated or to have requested and received child abuse information in violation of [this chapter](#), or any employee of the department who knowingly destroys assessment data except in accordance with rule as established by the department for retention of child abuse information under [section 235A.18](#) shall be liable for actual damages and exemplary damages for each violation and shall be liable for court costs, expenses, and reasonable attorney's fees incurred by the party bringing the action. In no case shall the award for damages be less than one hundred dollars.

[C75, 77, 79, 81, §235A.20]

[97 Acts, ch 176, §13, 41, 43](#)

Referred to in [§235A.12](#)