



94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
State of Illinois
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HB1582

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

75 ILCS 70/1

from Ch. 81, par. 1201

Amends the Library Records Confidentiality Act. Sets forth procedures under which a library may publish or make any information contained in its records available to the public if the information is requested by a sworn law enforcement officer who represents that it is impractical to secure a court order as a result of an emergency where the law enforcement officer reasonably believes that there is an imminent danger. Provides that these procedures shall not alter any right to challenge the use or dissemination of patron information that is otherwise permitted by law. Provides that the disclosure of information under these provisions does not constitute a privacy violation or a breach of confidentiality.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

STATE MANDATES
ACT MAY REQUIRE
REIMBURSEMENT

1 AN ACT concerning libraries.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Library Records Confidentiality Act is
5 amended by changing Section 1 as follows:

6 (75 ILCS 70/1) (from Ch. 81, par. 1201)

7 Sec. 1. (a) The registration and circulation records of a
8 library are confidential information. ~~Except pursuant to a~~
9 ~~court order,~~ No person shall publish or make any information
10 contained in such records available to the public unless:

11 (1) required to do so under a court order; or

12 (2) the information is requested by a sworn law
13 enforcement officer who represents that it is impractical
14 to secure a court order as a result of an emergency where
15 the law enforcement officer reasonably believes that there
16 is an imminent danger. The information requested must be
17 limited to identifying a suspect, witness, or victim of a
18 crime. The information requested without a court order may
19 not include the disclosure of registration or circulation
20 records that would indicate materials borrowed, resources
21 reviewed, or services used at the library. If requested to
22 do so by the library, the requesting law enforcement
23 officer must sign a form acknowledging the receipt of the
24 information. A library providing the information may seek
25 subsequent judicial review to assess compliance with this
26 Section.

27 This subsection shall not alter any right to challenge the
28 use or dissemination of patron information that is otherwise
29 permitted by law.

30 (b) This Section does not prevent a library from publishing
31 or making available to the public reasonable statistical
32 reports regarding library registration and book circulation

1 where those reports are presented so that no individual is
2 identified therein.

3 (b-5) Nothing in this Section shall be construed as a
4 privacy violation or a breach of confidentiality if a library
5 provides information to a law enforcement officer under item
6 (2) of subsection (a).

7 (c) For the purpose of this Section, (i) "library" means
8 any public library or library of an educational, historical or
9 eleemosynary institution, organization or society; (ii)
10 "registration records" includes any information a library
11 requires a person to provide in order for that person to become
12 eligible to borrow books and other materials and (iii)
13 "circulation records" includes all information identifying the
14 individual borrowing particular books or materials.

15 (Source: P.A. 83-179.)