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(COMPANION TO LSB 1280SS BY LAMBERTI)

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act authorizing disclosure of certain information to the legal
2 guardian of an individual receiving assistance or services
3 from the department of human services.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 217.30, subsection 2, Code 2001, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 2. Information described in subsection 1 shall not be
4 disclosed to or used by any person or agency except for
5 purposes of administration of the programs of services or
6 assistance, and shall not in any case, except as otherwise
7 provided in subsection 4, ~~paragraph-"b"~~, be disclosed to or
8 used by persons or agencies outside the department unless they
9 are subject to standards of confidentiality comparable to
10 those imposed on the department by this division.

11 Sec. 2. Section 217.30, subsection 4, Code 2001, is
12 amended by adding the following new paragraph:

13 NEW PARAGRAPH. e. Any confidential information described
14 in subsection 1 that is available to the individual receiving
15 services or assistance shall be disclosed to that individual's
16 court-appointed legal guardian.

17 EXPLANATION

18 This bill authorizes disclosure of certain information to
19 the legal guardian of an individual receiving assistance or
20 services from the department of human services.

21 The bill amends Code section 217.30, relating to
22 confidentiality of the department's records. Code section
23 217.30 is amended to require that any confidential information
24 that is available to the individual receiving assistance or
25 services shall be disclosed to that individual's court-
26 appointed guardian. A subsection of that Code section is also
27 amended to broaden an internal reference.

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