

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

NJSA: 18A:73-43.1

(Library records--confidentiality)

LAWS OF: 1985

CHAPTER: 172

Bill No: S1008

Sponsor(s): Feldman

Date Introduced: Pre-filed

Committee: Assembly: Education

Senate: Education

Amended during passage: Yes Amendments during passage denoted by asterisks.

Date of Passage: Assembly: February 14, 1985

Senate: September 20, 1984

Date of Approval: May 31, 1985

Following statements are attached if available:

Sponsor statement: Yes

Committee statement: Assembly Yes

Senate Yes

Fiscal Note: No

Veto Message: No

Message on Signing: No

Following were printed:

Reports: No

Hearings: No

States having passed similar legislation, as of 5-85:

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| Alabama | Colorado | Florida | Iowa | Maryland |
| Alaska | Connecticut | Illinois | Lousiana | Massachusetts |
| California | Delaware | Indiana | Maine | Michigan |

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Minnesota	North Carolina	Rhode Island	Washington
Nebraska	Oklahoma	South Carolina	Wisconsin
Nevada	Oregon	South Dakota	
New York	Pennsylvania	Virginia	

Regulations in New Jersey, not promulgated as of 12-85.

ASSEMBLY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 1008

with Assembly committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: NOVEMBER 19, 1984

This bill as amended provides that records of public or private libraries which contain an individual's name or other personally identifying details are confidential and may not be disclosed except (1) insofar as it is necessary to operate the library, (2) the user requests disclosure, or (3) the records are under subpoena or court order.

Sixteen states have passed legislation protecting the confidentiality of library records.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

The amendment further specifies the type of subpoena that must be issued to gain access to confidential material.

The committee favorably reports this bill as amended.

SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 1008

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 21, 1984

This bill provides that records of public or private libraries which contain an individual's name or other personally identifying details are confidential and may not be disclosed except (1) insofar as it is necessary to operate the library, (2) the user requests disclosure, or (3) the records are under subpoena or court order.

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STATEMENT

This bill provides that library records, which are used primarily for the control of library materials, are confidential and may only be disclosed at the request of the user, by court order or subpoena or as necessary for the operation of the library.

The confidentiality of library records has become a national concern. To date, 16 states have enacted privacy laws for library users.

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