

**Sixty-sixth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota  
In Regular Session Commencing Thursday, January 3, 2019**

SENATE BILL NO. 2218  
(Senators J. Lee, J. Roers, K. Roers)  
(Representatives Roers Jones, Westlind)

AN ACT to create and enact a new section to chapter 44-04 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to records of individuals who provide information to public social service agencies.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

**SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 44-04 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

**Identity of reporter to social services agency - Exempt records.**

1. For purposes of this section:
  - a. "Human services" means services provided to an individual or an individual's family in need of services to assist the individual or the individual's family in achieving and maintaining basic self-sufficiency, including physical health, mental health, education, welfare, food and nutrition, and housing; and
  - b. "Public social services agency" means a state, county, or local public agency that provides human services, and includes regional human service centers, county social services boards, multicounty social services districts, and the department of human services.
2. The name, address, telephone number, electronic mail address, or other record that reasonably could be used to identify an individual who provided information to a public social service agency is an exempt record if:
  - a. The information relates to a matter involving human services over which the agency has regulatory jurisdiction; and
  - b. The agency determines the individual had a good-faith belief the information related to a possible violation of law when the individual provided it to the agency.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

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Secretary of the Senate

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Chief Clerk of the House

This certifies that the within bill originated in the Senate of the Sixty-sixth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as Senate Bill No. 2218.

Senate Vote:    Yeas 46            Nays 0            Absent 1

House Vote:    Yeas 56            Nays 30           Absent 8

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Secretary of the Senate

Received by the Governor at \_\_\_\_\_ M. on \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.

Approved at \_\_\_\_\_ M. on \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.

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Governor

Filed in this office this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019,

at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_\_ M.

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Secretary of State