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AN ACT to amend and reenact §10-1-22 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating
to confidentiality of certain library records; and providing that certain library records may
be disclosed to members of library staff, including paid employees and unpaid volunteers
upon completion of a written confidentiality agreement and the obtaining of written
permission from the library director.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That §10-1-22 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended and
reenacted to read as follows:

ARTICLE 1. PUBLIC LIBRARIES.

§10-1-22. Confidential nature of certain library records.

(a) Circulation and similar records of any public library in this state which identify the user
of library materials are not public records but shall be confidential and may not be disclosed
except:

(1) To members of the library staff in the ordinary course of business, including paid
employees and unpaid volunteers upon completing a written confidentiality agreement which shall
prevent disclosure of circulation records, personal information, and similar records of any public
library except to the extent allowed under this subsection and obtaining written permission from
the library director of the library system wherein he or she will be working;

(2) Upon written consent of the user of the library materials or the user’s parents or
guardian if the user is a minor or ward; or

(3) Upon appropriate court order or subpoena.

(b) Any disclosure authorized by subsection (a) of this section or any unauthorized
disclosure of materials made confidential by that subsection (a) does not in any way destroy the
confidential nature of that material, except for the purpose for which an authorized disclosure is
made. A person disclosing material as authorized by subsection (a) of this section is not liable
therefor.
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The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

Chairman, Senate Committee

Chairman, House Committee

Originated in the Senate.

In effect 90 days from passage.

Clerk of the Senate

Clerk of the House of Delegates

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Delegates

The within is approved this the 21st Day of March, 2016.

Governor