

Library Privacy Act Amendment Signed Into Law - 1996 PA 188

Public Act 188 of 1996 was recently signed into law to amend the Michigan Library Privacy Act. The Act now permits disclosure of library records if the library receives “written consent of the person liable for payment for or return of the materials identified in that library record.” MLC 397.603(2). If a parent or legal guardian signs to accept legal responsibility for return of his or her child’s library materials and to accept financial liability for that child’s library fines and other charges, the parent or guardian may authorize the disclosure of the child’s library records.

The Board of Trustees of the Chesterfield Township Library understands that this amendment does not override existing library privacy laws. The Library can reveal only items that are involved in a financial transaction, such as overdue, lost and/or damaged materials to parents or legal guardians that have signed a release form that is on file in the Library.