

This Document can be made available  
in alternative formats upon request

State of Minnesota  
**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

NINETY-FOURTH SESSION

**H. F. No. 4478**

- 03/18/2026 Authored by Frederick
- 03/23/2026 The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Human Services Finance and Policy
- 04/16/2026 By motion, recalled and re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary Finance and Civil Law
- Adoption of Report: Placed on the General Register as Amended
- Pursuant to Joint Rule 2.03, re-referred to the Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to state-operated human services; modifying disclosure limitations on

1.3 certain personnel data for employees of secure treatment facilities and treatment

1.4 facilities; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 13.43, subdivision 5a;

1.5 253B.03, subdivisions 2, 3; 253D.19, subdivision 1; proposing coding for new

1.6 law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 253B.

1.7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.8 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 13.43, subdivision 5a, is amended to read:

1.9 Subd. 5a. **Limitation on disclosure of certain personnel data.** Notwithstanding any

1.10 other provision of this section, the following data relating to employees of a secure treatment

1.11 facility defined in section 253B.02, subdivision 18a, or 253D.02, subdivision 13; employees

1.12 of a treatment program as defined in section 253D.02, subdivision 17; employees of a state

1.13 correctional facility; ; or employees of the Department of Corrections directly involved in

1.14 supervision of offenders in the community, ~~shall~~ must not be disclosed to facility patients

1.15 or clients, corrections inmates, or other individuals who facility or correction administrators

1.16 reasonably believe will use the information to harass, intimidate, or assault any of these

1.17 employees:

1.18 (1) place where previous education or training occurred;

1.19 (2) place of prior employment; and

1.20 (3) payroll timesheets or other comparable data, to the extent that disclosure of payroll

1.21 timesheets or other comparable data may disclose future work assignments, home address

1.22 or telephone number, the location of an employee during nonwork hours, or the location of

1.23 an employee's immediate family members.

2.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment and  
2.2 applies to any data request pending on or received after that date.

2.3 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 253B.03, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

2.4 Subd. 2. **Correspondence.** A patient has the right to correspond freely without censorship,  
2.5 subject to section 253B.25. The head of the treatment facility or head of the state-operated  
2.6 treatment program may restrict correspondence if the patient's medical welfare requires this  
2.7 restriction. For a patient in a state-operated treatment program, that determination may be  
2.8 reviewed by the executive board. Any limitation imposed on the exercise of a patient's  
2.9 correspondence rights and the reason for it shall be made a part of the clinical record of the  
2.10 patient. Any communication which is not delivered to a patient shall be immediately returned  
2.11 to the sender.

2.12 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

2.13 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 253B.03, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

2.14 Subd. 3. **Visitors and phone calls.** Subject to the general rules of the treatment facility  
2.15 or state-operated treatment program and section 253B.25, a patient has the right to receive  
2.16 visitors and make phone calls. The head of the treatment facility or head of the state-operated  
2.17 treatment program may restrict visits and phone calls on determining that the medical welfare  
2.18 of the patient requires it. Any limitation imposed on the exercise of the patient's visitation  
2.19 and phone call rights and the reason for it shall be made a part of the clinical record of the  
2.20 patient.

2.21 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

2.22 Sec. 4. **[253B.25] PATIENT ACCESS TO INFORMATION ON FACILITY**  
2.23 **EMPLOYEES.**

2.24 The head of a treatment facility or state-operated treatment program may restrict patient  
2.25 access to correspondence and telephone calls that the head of the treatment facility or  
2.26 state-operated treatment program reasonably believes will be used to harass, intimidate, or  
2.27 assault employees of the treatment facility or state-operated treatment program.

2.28 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

3.1 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 253D.19, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

3.2 Subdivision 1. **Limited rights.** The executive board may limit the statutory rights  
3.3 described in subdivision 2 for persons committed to the Minnesota Sex Offender Program  
3.4 under this chapter or with the executive board's consent under section 246C.13. The statutory  
3.5 rights described in subdivision 2 may be limited only as necessary to maintain a therapeutic  
3.6 environment or the security of the facility or to protect the safety and well-being of committed  
3.7 persons, staff, and the public. Protection of staff from harassment, intimidation, or assault  
3.8 is a basis for limiting the statutory rights described in subdivision 2.

3.9 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.