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H 2396 General Bill, By T.M. Marchant, E.C. Lewis, D.M. McEachin and J.W. Tucker Similar (S 0229)

A Bill to amend Title 60, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, relating to libraries, archives, museums, and arts, by adding Chapter 4, so as to provide that records related to registration and circulation of library materials which contain names or other personally identifying details regarding the users of public, private, school, college, technical college, university, and state institutional libraries and library systems, supported in whole or in part by public funds or expending public funds are confidential information; to include as confidential information records which reveal the identity of the library patron checking out or requesting an item from the library or using other library services; to exclude from confidential records nonidentifying administrative and statistical reports of registration and circulation; to allow for disclosure of the confidential information to persons acting within the scope of their duties in the administration of the library or library system or persons authorized by the library patron to inspect his records, or in accordance with proper judicial order if the disclosure is necessary to protect public safety or to prosecute a crime; to define "registration records" and "circulation records"; and to provide penalties for violations; and to amend Section 30-1-10, relating to public records, reports, and official documents, and Act 593 of 1978, as amended, relating to the Freedom of Information Act, so as to exclude from the definition of "public records" the records identified in Chapter 4 of Title 60 as confidential information.

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