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HOUSE BILL ***1308***

AN ACT relative to parent access to children's library records.

SPONSORS: Rep. Quaratiello, Rock. 18; Rep. C. Brown, Graf. 10; Rep. Colcombe, Hills. 30; Rep. Drago, Rock. 4; Rep. Kofalt, Hills. 32; Rep. Noble, Hills. 2; Rep. K. Perez, Rock. 16; Rep. Reid, Hills. 27; Rep. Seidel, Hills. 29; Sen. Gendreau, Dist 1; Sen. Abbas, Dist 22

COMMITTEE: Children and Family Law

ANALYSIS

This bill provides a parent or legal guardian with access to their minor child's library records.

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Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics.***
Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struckthrough.~~]
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Four

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Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 Library User Records; Confidentiality; Reference Added. Amend RSA 201-D:11, I to read as follows:

I. Library records which contain the names or other personal identifying information regarding the users of public or other than public libraries shall be confidential and shall not be disclosed except as provided in [~~paragraph~~] ***paragraphs*** II ***and II-a***. Such records include, but are not limited to, library, information system, and archival records related to the circulation and use of library materials or services, including records of materials that have been viewed or stored in electronic form.

2 New Paragraph; Library User Records; Confidentiality; Access to Library Records of Minors. Amend RSA 201-D:11 by inserting after paragraph II the following new paragraph:

II-a. All library records related to a minor's use of library materials or services shall be available to the parent or guardian of the minor.

3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2025.