Overview

This bill makes certain information about predatory (sex) offenders available to law enforcement when a law enforcement officer notifies an agency that the person about whom information is requested is a predatory offender who is not residing at the address for which the person is registered under the predatory offender registration law. The bill also creates a procedure whereby a person's obligation to register under the predatory offender registration law, current address, and registration period is recorded on the driver's license or permit of a predatory offender.

1 General. Current law provides that, unless the data is summary data or a statute specifically provides a different classification, data on individuals collected, maintained, used, or disseminated by the welfare system is private data. This bill creates an exception to allow disclosure of the current address of a recipient of Minnesota family investment program-statewide, general assistance, general assistance medical care, or food stamps. Under this provision, information may be disclosed to law enforcement officers who provide the name of the recipient and notify the agency that the recipient is a person required to register under the predatory offender registration law, but is not residing at the address for which the recipient is registered under the law.

2 Law enforcement access to certain data. Grants law enforcement access to certain data maintained by a public housing agency about a predatory offender if the following criteria are met:

   the law enforcement officer provides the name of the recipient to the housing agency;

   and

   the officer notifies the agency that the recipient is a person required to register under the predatory offender registration law and the person is not at the address for which the person is registered.

The data made available includes the person's current address, social security number,
Driving record to indicate that person is a registered predatory offender. Requires the commissioner, upon receipt of notice from the BCA than a person is required to register under the predatory offender registration law, to determine whether the person has a driver's license or permit to drive. If the person has such a license or permit, the commissioner must record on the person's driving record the following:

- the fact that the person is required to register under the predatory offender registration law;
- the address of the person according to the BCA's records; and
- the time period during which the person is required to register.

Specifies that this data is private data, but may be released to and exchanged among agencies for purposes of an investigation.

Disclosure to law enforcement. Requires the commissioner of labor and industry to disclose the current address of an employee collected or maintained under worker's compensation law to law enforcement officers who provide the name of the employee and notify the commissioner that the employee is a person required to register under the predatory offender registration law and the person is not at the address for which the person is registered.

Use of information; notice to department of public safety. Amends the data classification provision in the predatory offender registration law to allow disclosure of information to the department of public safety. Requires the superintendent of the BCA to notify the commissioner of public safety about individuals who are required to register under the predatory offender registration law and to disclose the registrant's name, current address, and the time during period that the registrant is required to register so that the commissioner of public safety can record this information on the person's driver's license record.