

# Chapter 24

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**Subject** Establishing a privilege for restorative practices participants

**Bill** S.F. 2200

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## Overview

This act creates a new privilege for communications that take place within restorative justice programs and establishes limited exceptions to that privilege. Section 595.02 establishes privileges for certain communications. The privileges protect communications that occur within relationships between parties such as attorneys and clients or doctors and patients. The privileges exist to encourage people to share honest information with those other parties without the fear that the information could be against them. Privileges have narrow exceptions that allow information to be shared under specific circumstances.

## Summary

Section	Description
1	<b>Restorative practice participant data.</b> Creates a cross-reference in chapter 13 for data on restorative practices program participants.
2	<b>Report.</b> Requires organizations that receive a grant from the Office of Restorative Practices to report specific information to the office by November 15 each year. Grantees must report on the impact of the program and the amount of money paid to program participants.
3	<b>Inadmissibility; exceptions.</b> Defines “restorative practice” and “restorative practice participant.” Establishes that statements made, or documents offered, in the course of a restorative practice are not subject to discovery or admissible as evidence in a civil or criminal proceeding. Specifies that the privilege does not exempt mandatory reports from complying with the provisions requiring reporting of maltreatment of children or vulnerable adults. Also establishes exceptions allowing disclosure of information necessary to prevent reasonably certain death, great bodily harm, or criminal activity and allowing disclosure when the information relates to professional misconduct by a participant.

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Allows disclosure of information to verify to a court that a person ordered to participate in a program is participating. Establishes that evidence that is otherwise admissible or discoverable is not protected solely because it was discussed or used in a restorative practice.



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