

Media Arrest Report Law

The media arrest report law defines what police blotter information is available for inspection and copying to the "news media" by any state or local law enforcement agency. The IPA worked with the Illinois State Police, the Illinois Chiefs of Police, the Illinois Sheriffs' Association and the Fraternal Order of Police to craft a report that was substantive enough to meet the needs of the media, while addressing the privacy and safety concerns of law enforcement officers.

While most, if not all, state freedom of information acts address law enforcement records, the IPA knows of no other state law that specifically mandates an arrest report designed specifically for the media.

Links:

Full Text of the Media Arrest Report Law

<http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/documents/000501600K4a.htm>