

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Description The disclosure of electronic juvenile court records to law enforcement agencies and providing a penalty					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Currently, juvenile court records are not open to inspection, nor may their contents be disclosed, except under certain statutory exceptions, such as to law enforcement agencies for the purpose of investigating alleged criminal gang activity. This bill expands the reasons for which a law enforcement agency can request juvenile court records for the purpose of investigating alleged criminal or delinquent activity.

The bill permits the juvenile court to transfer to a law enforcement agency the electronic records of the juvenile court through the Consolidated Court Automation Programs (CCAP) by the director of state courts. It also requires the the director of state courts to determine what types of information from those electronic records may be transferred to a law enforcement agency. The bill requires the law enforcement agency to keep any information from those records transferred to the agency confidential and allows usage of the information only for the purpose of investigating alleged criminal or delinquent activity. Also, the bill provides for a forfeiture of a maximum of \$5,000 for any person who intentionally discloses information in violation of the bill.

We are unable to estimate the number of juveniles on community supervision who could be detained for a court appearance due to law enforcement agencies receiving electronic juvenile court records. We are unable to estimate the number of individuals requiring forfeiture for intentionally disclosing juvenile court records other than for the purposes of investigating alleged criminal or delinquent activities.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications