

General Assembly

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Referred to Committee on PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

Introduced by: (PS)

AN ACT AUTHORIZING ACCESS TO JUVENILE DELINQUENCY RECORDS TO EVALUATE A PROPOSED TRANSFER OF A FIREARM TO A PERSON UNDER AGE TWENTY-ONE.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. Subsection (d) of section 46b-124 of the general statutes, as
- 2 amended by sections 5 and 19 of public act 22-115, is repealed and the
- 3 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):
- 4 (d) Records of cases of juvenile matters involving delinquency
- 5 proceedings shall be available to (1) Judicial Branch employees who, in
- 6 the performance of their duties, require access to such records, (2) judges
- 7 and employees of the Probate Court who, in the performance of their
- 8 duties, require access to such records, and (3) employees and authorized
- 9 agents of municipal, state or federal agencies involved in (A) the
- delinquency proceedings, (B) the provision of services directly to the
- 11 child, [or] (C) the delivery of court diversionary programs, or (D) the
- 12 evaluation of a proposed transfer of a firearm to a person under the age
- of twenty-one, as required by Title II, Section 12001 of the Bipartisan
- 14 Safer Communities Act, Public Law 117-159, as amended from time to

15 time. Such employees and authorized agents include, but are not limited 16 to, law enforcement officials, community-based youth service bureau 17 officials, state and federal prosecutorial officials, school officials in 18 accordance with section 10-233h, court officials including officials of 19 both the regular criminal docket and the docket for juvenile matters and 20 officials of the Division of Criminal Justice, the Division of Public 21 Defender Services, the Department of Children and Families, if the child 22 is committed pursuant to section 46b-129, provided such disclosure 23 shall be limited to (i) information that identifies the child as the subject 24 of the delinquency petition, or (ii) the records of the delinquency 25 proceedings, when the juvenile court orders the department to provide 26 services to said child, the Court Support Services Division and agencies 27 under contract with the Judicial Branch. Such records shall also be 28 available to (I) the attorney representing the child, including the 29 Division of Public Defender Services, in any proceeding in which such 30 records are relevant, (II) the parents or guardian of the child, until such 31 time as the subject of the record reaches the age of majority, (III) the 32 subject of the record, upon submission of satisfactory proof of the 33 subject's identity, pursuant to guidelines prescribed by the Office of the 34 Chief Court Administrator, provided the subject has reached the age of 35 majority, (IV) law enforcement officials and prosecutorial officials 36 conducting legitimate criminal investigations, as provided in subsection 37 (o) of this section or orders to detain pursuant to section 46b-133, (V) a 38 state or federal agency providing services related to the collection of 39 moneys due or funding to support the service needs of eligible juveniles, 40 provided such disclosure shall be limited to that information necessary 41 for the collection of and application for such moneys, (VI) members and 42 employees of the Board of Pardons and Paroles and employees of the 43 Department of Correction who, in the performance of their duties, 44 require access to such records, provided the subject of the record has 45 been convicted of a crime in the regular criminal docket of the Superior 46 Court and such records are relevant to the performance of a risk and 47 needs assessment of such person while such person is incarcerated, the 48 determination of such person's suitability for release from incarceration 49 or for a pardon, or the determination of the supervision and treatment

50 needs of such person while on parole or other supervised release, and 51 (VII) members and employees of the Judicial Review Council who, in 52 the performance of their duties related to said council, require access to 53 such records. Records disclosed pursuant to this subsection shall not be 54 further disclosed, except that information contained in such records 55 may be disclosed in connection with bail or sentencing reports in open 56 court during criminal proceedings involving the subject of such 57 information, or as otherwise provided by law.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2023	46b-124(d)

PS Joint Favorable