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Overview

This act provides public defenders limited access to criminal justice data systems.

- 1 **Access.** Gives public defenders access to the BCA's juvenile history record system.
- 2-3 **Authority to enter or retrieve data.** Gives public defenders access to the BCA's conditional release data system.
- 4 **Authorized use, fee.** Gives public defenders access to the criminal justice data communications network.
- 5 **Access to government data.** Limits access to data regarding a public defender's own client, that is necessary to prepare a defense, including:

- criminal history,
- juvenile offender,
- warrant information,
- incarceration,
- conditional release, and
- diversion program.

Prohibits public defenders from accessing:

- active law enforcement investigation,
- personal identifying information of undercover officers, informants, mandated reporters, and certain victims, and
- confidential arrest warrant.

Provides public defenders access to necessary data at no charge other than the monthly network access charge and a reasonable terminal installation charge.

