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Senate Bill 24 (as reported without amendment)
Sponsor: Senator Stephanie Chang
Committee: Civil Rights, Judiciary, and Public Safety

CONTENT

The bill would amend the Juvenile Diversion Act to allow an individual or organization to submit a research request for a juvenile record to the State Court Administrative Office (SCAO) or an individual court and prescribe the conditions for the use and release of such information. The released data would be exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act. Additionally, the SCAO and each court, as applicable, would have to maintain certain records about the request and the released data. The bill would allow the SCAO to charge the researcher to cover costs incurred for processing the request.

The bill would take effect October 1, 2025.

MCL 722.829

BRIEF RATIONALE

Public Acts 292, 293, 301, and 302 of 2023 enacted various gubernatorial recommendations governing Michigan's juvenile justice system that took effect October 1, 2024. Specifically, the Acts increase eligibility for diversion programs. It has been suggested that researchers be allowed access to identity-protected juvenile record data to analyze the effectiveness of diversion programs and to monitor if the 2023 reforms are meeting intended outcomes.

PREVIOUS LEGISLATION

(This section does not provide a comprehensive account of previous legislative efforts on this subject matter.)

The bill is a reintroduction of Senate Bill 688 of the 2023-2024 Legislative Session. Senate Bill 688 passed the Senate and was reported by the House committee on Judiciary but received no further action.

Legislative Analyst: Eleni Lionas

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill likely would include indeterminate administrative costs for the SCAO associated with the duty to create data use agreements when providing court records. These costs are indeterminate and are expected to be absorbed by current appropriations.

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