

HOUSE BILL 1041

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 37,
relative to juvenile justice.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-1-187(f), is amended by redesignating the current language as subdivision (f)(1) and adding the following new subdivisions:

(2) Annually, no later than August 1, the administrative office of the courts shall provide appropriate access to information collected pursuant to this section to the Tennessee commission on children and youth for the commission to prepare a comprehensive report related to such data. The commission must submit the report, by no later than October 1 of each year, to the governor and members of the general assembly. The report must comply with the protections against improper dissemination of identifying information found in subdivision (f)(1).

(3) To the extent permissible in accordance with subdivision (f)(1), the administrative office of the courts is authorized to maintain records collected pursuant to this section for the sole purpose of conducting statistical research related to outcomes of justice-involved juveniles, including, but not limited to, juvenile and adult incarceration, juvenile and adult recidivism data, and other appropriate longitudinal data that may be useful to evaluate and improve juvenile justice efforts in the state. Any information maintained pursuant to this subdivision (f)(3) must be utilized for statistical research purposes only and is not subject to public disclosure, subpoena, or admissibility in a court of law.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.