

General Assembly

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Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY

Introduced by: (JUD)

AN ACT CONCERNING FIREARMS BACKGROUND CHECKS.

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 2024 supplement to
- 2 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
- 3 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):
- 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
- 10 delinquency proceedings, (B) the provision of services directly to the
- 11 child, (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
- 13 of twenty-one in this state or any other state, as required by Title II,
- 14 Section 12001 of the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act, Public Law 117-
- 15 159, as amended from time to time. Such employees and authorized
- 16 agents include, but are not limited to, law enforcement officials,

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17 community-based youth service bureau officials, state and federal 18 prosecutorial officials, school officials in accordance with section 10-19 233h, court officials including officials of both the regular criminal 20 docket and the docket for juvenile matters and officials of the Division 21 of Criminal Justice, the Division of Public Defender Services, the 22 Department of Children and Families, if the child is under the oversight 23 of the department's administrative unit pursuant to section 17a-3b, 24 provided such disclosure shall be limited to information that identifies 25 the child as residing in a justice facility or incarcerated, or, if the child is 26 committed pursuant to section 46b-129, provided such disclosure shall 27 be limited to (i) information that identifies the child as the subject of the 28 delinquency petition, or (ii) the records of the delinquency proceedings, 29 when the juvenile court orders the department to provide services to 30 said child, the Court Support Services Division and agencies under 31 contract with the Judicial Branch. Such records shall also be available to 32 (I) the attorney representing the child, including the Division of Public 33 Defender Services, in any proceeding in which such records are 34 relevant, (II) the parents or guardian of the child, until such time as the 35 subject of the record reaches the age of majority, (III) the subject of the 36 record, upon submission of satisfactory proof of the subject's identity, 37 pursuant to guidelines prescribed by the Office of the Chief Court 38 Administrator, provided the subject has reached the age of majority, 39 (IV) law enforcement officials and prosecutorial officials conducting 40 legitimate criminal investigations, as provided in subsection (o) of this 41 section or orders to detain pursuant to section 46b-133, (V) a state or 42 federal agency providing services related to the collection of moneys 43 due or funding to support the service needs of eligible juveniles, 44 provided such disclosure shall be limited to that information necessary 45 for the collection of and application for such moneys, (VI) members and 46 employees of the Board of Pardons and Paroles and employees of the 47 Department of Correction who, in the performance of their duties, 48 require access to such records, provided the subject of the record has 49 been convicted of a crime in the regular criminal docket of the Superior 50 Court and such records are relevant to the performance of a risk and 51 needs assessment of such person while such person is incarcerated, the

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52 determination of such person's suitability for release from incarceration 53 or for a pardon, or the determination of the supervision and treatment 54 needs of such person while on parole or other supervised release, and 55 (VII) members and employees of the Judicial Review Council who, in 56 the performance of their duties related to said council, require access to 57 such records. Records disclosed pursuant to this subsection shall not be 58 further disclosed, except that information contained in such records 59 may be disclosed in connection with bail or sentencing reports in open 60 court during criminal proceedings involving the subject of such 61 information, or as otherwise provided by law.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following		
sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2024	46b-124(d)

Statement of Purpose:

To ensure employees and authorized agents of municipal, state or federal agencies involved in evaluating the proposed transfer of a firearm to a person under age twenty-one in this state or any other state have access to records of cases of juvenile matters involving delinquency proceedings.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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