

1 AN ACT concerning courts.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 1. Findings.

5 The General Assembly finds that an adequate continuum of
6 care is necessary to better address the needs of juveniles
7 within the court system.

8 The General Assembly finds that the unique partnership of
9 State and local services is needed to provide the right
10 placements, and the right services for justice-involved
11 juveniles.

12 The General Assembly finds that providing information to
13 local probation departments in a timely manner will improve
14 both services and outcomes for juveniles.

15 Therefore, the General Assembly recommends that
16 information to assist juveniles needs to be available while at
17 the same time maintaining its confidentiality.

18 Section 5. The Juvenile Court Act of 1987 is amended by
19 changing Section 5-901 as follows:

20 (705 ILCS 405/5-901)

21 Sec. 5-901. Court file.

22 (1) The Court file with respect to proceedings under this

1 Article shall consist of the petitions, pleadings, victim
2 impact statements, process, service of process, orders, writs
3 and docket entries reflecting hearings held and judgments and
4 decrees entered by the court. The court file shall be kept
5 separate from other records of the court.

6 (a) The file, including information identifying the
7 victim or alleged victim of any sex offense, shall be
8 disclosed only to the following parties when necessary for
9 discharge of their official duties:

10 (i) A judge of the circuit court and members of the
11 staff of the court designated by the judge;

12 (ii) Parties to the proceedings and their
13 attorneys;

14 (iii) Victims and their attorneys, except in cases
15 of multiple victims of sex offenses in which case the
16 information identifying the nonrequesting victims
17 shall be redacted;

18 (iv) Probation officers, law enforcement officers
19 or prosecutors or their staff;

20 (v) Adult and juvenile Prisoner Review Boards.

21 (b) The Court file redacted to remove any information
22 identifying the victim or alleged victim of any sex
23 offense shall be disclosed only to the following parties
24 when necessary for discharge of their official duties:

25 (i) Authorized military personnel;

26 (ii) Persons engaged in bona fide research, with

1 the permission of the judge of the juvenile court and
2 the chief executive of the agency that prepared the
3 particular recording: provided that publication of
4 such research results in no disclosure of a minor's
5 identity and protects the confidentiality of the
6 record;

7 (iii) The Secretary of State to whom the Clerk of
8 the Court shall report the disposition of all cases,
9 as required in Section 6-204 or Section 6-205.1 of the
10 Illinois Vehicle Code. However, information reported
11 relative to these offenses shall be privileged and
12 available only to the Secretary of State, courts, and
13 police officers;

14 (iv) The administrator of a bonafide substance
15 abuse student assistance program with the permission
16 of the presiding judge of the juvenile court;

17 (v) Any individual, or any public or private
18 agency or institution, having custody of the juvenile
19 under court order or providing educational, medical or
20 mental health services to the juvenile or a
21 court-approved advocate for the juvenile or any
22 placement provider or potential placement provider as
23 determined by the court.

24 (3) A minor who is the victim or alleged victim in a
25 juvenile proceeding shall be provided the same confidentiality
26 regarding disclosure of identity as the minor who is the

1 subject of record. Information identifying victims and alleged
2 victims of sex offenses, shall not be disclosed or open to
3 public inspection under any circumstances. Nothing in this
4 Section shall prohibit the victim or alleged victim of any sex
5 offense from voluntarily disclosing his or her identity.

6 (4) Relevant information, reports and records shall be
7 made available to the Department of Juvenile Justice when a
8 juvenile offender has been placed in the custody of the
9 Department of Juvenile Justice.

10 (4.5) Relevant information, reports and records, held by
11 the Department of Juvenile Justice, including social
12 investigation, psychological and medical records, of any
13 juvenile offender, shall be made available to any county
14 juvenile detention facility or any Illinois Probation
15 Department, where the subject juvenile offender formerly was
16 in the custody of the Department of Juvenile Justice, released
17 to mandatory supervision, released to aftercare, or released
18 to juvenile parole, and is subsequently ordered to be held in a
19 county juvenile detention facility, or ordered to be
20 supervised by a county or circuit Probation Department.

21 (5) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection (5),
22 juvenile court records shall not be made available to the
23 general public but may be inspected by representatives of
24 agencies, associations and news media or other properly
25 interested persons by general or special order of the court.
26 The State's Attorney, the minor, his or her parents, guardian

1 and counsel shall at all times have the right to examine court
2 files and records.

3 (a) The court shall allow the general public to have
4 access to the name, address, and offense of a minor who is
5 adjudicated a delinquent minor under this Act under either
6 of the following circumstances:

7 (i) The adjudication of delinquency was based upon
8 the minor's commission of first degree murder, attempt
9 to commit first degree murder, aggravated criminal
10 sexual assault, or criminal sexual assault; or

11 (ii) The court has made a finding that the minor
12 was at least 13 years of age at the time the act was
13 committed and the adjudication of delinquency was
14 based upon the minor's commission of: (A) an act in
15 furtherance of the commission of a felony as a member
16 of or on behalf of a criminal street gang, (B) an act
17 involving the use of a firearm in the commission of a
18 felony, (C) an act that would be a Class X felony
19 offense under or the minor's second or subsequent
20 Class 2 or greater felony offense under the Cannabis
21 Control Act if committed by an adult, (D) an act that
22 would be a second or subsequent offense under Section
23 402 of the Illinois Controlled Substances Act if
24 committed by an adult, (E) an act that would be an
25 offense under Section 401 of the Illinois Controlled
26 Substances Act if committed by an adult, or (F) an act

1 that would be an offense under the Methamphetamine
2 Control and Community Protection Act if committed by
3 an adult.

4 (b) The court shall allow the general public to have
5 access to the name, address, and offense of a minor who is
6 at least 13 years of age at the time the offense is
7 committed and who is convicted, in criminal proceedings
8 permitted or required under Section 5-805, under either of
9 the following circumstances:

10 (i) The minor has been convicted of first degree
11 murder, attempt to commit first degree murder,
12 aggravated criminal sexual assault, or criminal sexual
13 assault,

14 (ii) The court has made a finding that the minor
15 was at least 13 years of age at the time the offense
16 was committed and the conviction was based upon the
17 minor's commission of: (A) an offense in furtherance
18 of the commission of a felony as a member of or on
19 behalf of a criminal street gang, (B) an offense
20 involving the use of a firearm in the commission of a
21 felony, (C) a Class X felony offense under the
22 Cannabis Control Act or a second or subsequent Class 2
23 or greater felony offense under the Cannabis Control
24 Act, (D) a second or subsequent offense under Section
25 402 of the Illinois Controlled Substances Act, (E) an
26 offense under Section 401 of the Illinois Controlled

1 Substances Act, or (F) an offense under the
2 Methamphetamine Control and Community Protection Act.

3 (6) Nothing in this Section shall be construed to limit
4 the use of a adjudication of delinquency as evidence in any
5 juvenile or criminal proceeding, where it would otherwise be
6 admissible under the rules of evidence, including but not
7 limited to, use as impeachment evidence against any witness,
8 including the minor if he or she testifies.

9 (7) Nothing in this Section shall affect the right of a
10 Civil Service Commission or appointing authority examining the
11 character and fitness of an applicant for a position as a law
12 enforcement officer to ascertain whether that applicant was
13 ever adjudicated to be a delinquent minor and, if so, to
14 examine the records or evidence which were made in proceedings
15 under this Act.

16 (8) Following any adjudication of delinquency for a crime
17 which would be a felony if committed by an adult, or following
18 any adjudication of delinquency for a violation of Section
19 24-1, 24-3, 24-3.1, or 24-5 of the Criminal Code of 1961 or the
20 Criminal Code of 2012, the State's Attorney shall ascertain
21 whether the minor respondent is enrolled in school and, if so,
22 shall provide a copy of the sentencing order to the principal
23 or chief administrative officer of the school. Access to such
24 juvenile records shall be limited to the principal or chief
25 administrative officer of the school and any guidance
26 counselor designated by him or her.

1 (9) Nothing contained in this Act prevents the sharing or
2 disclosure of information or records relating or pertaining to
3 juveniles subject to the provisions of the Serious Habitual
4 Offender Comprehensive Action Program when that information is
5 used to assist in the early identification and treatment of
6 habitual juvenile offenders.

7 (11) The Clerk of the Circuit Court shall report to the
8 Department of State Police, in the form and manner required by
9 the Department of State Police, the final disposition of each
10 minor who has been arrested or taken into custody before his or
11 her 18th birthday for those offenses required to be reported
12 under Section 5 of the Criminal Identification Act.
13 Information reported to the Department under this Section may
14 be maintained with records that the Department files under
15 Section 2.1 of the Criminal Identification Act.

16 (12) Information or records may be disclosed to the
17 general public when the court is conducting hearings under
18 Section 5-805 or 5-810.

19 (13) The changes made to this Section by Public Act 98-61
20 apply to juvenile court records of a minor who has been
21 arrested or taken into custody on or after January 1, 2014 (the
22 effective date of Public Act 98-61).

23 (Source: P.A. 97-1150, eff. 1-25-13; 98-61, eff. 1-1-14;
24 98-756, eff. 7-16-14.)

25 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
26 becoming law.