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SB 519 A

OJDDA supports SB 519 A expanding the process for expunging juvenile records.

- SB 575A was introduced during the 2021 legislative session after an exhaustive multi-agency collaboration over several months. It passed and required expungement of certain juvenile records.
- The previous process involved request from subject individual and the process could be very confusing and sometimes overwhelming. Many individuals simply did not seek expunction based on the complexity of the process. Notice of their rights to expunction were typically provided during their intake process but largely forgotten or lost in translation.
- Currently Juvenile Departments now initiate the process based on a simple timeline and a report from Juvenile Justice Information System (JJIS). This has a major shift away from the traditional youth directed process.
- This legislation involved a massive increase in workload for juvenile departments. Fortunately, the 2021 legislation did allow for a fiscal component providing funding for juvenile departments based on a formula including a 5 hour per case estimate. Costs were reimbursed to the counties through a contract with OYA. Including all misdemeanor cases will increase this workload again and juvenile departments respectfully request continued funding supports.
- With adding the additional category of misdemeanors offenses to automatic expunction county juvenile departments are estimating it will take an additional hour to complete most expungement processes. This will increase the total to 6 hours per case.
- Reports from county juvenile departments indicate that the current expunction process is working well and they are seeing positive outcomes for youth who have increased opportunities for employment or military service.

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