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SPECIAL SESSION

Act No. 8 (S.4) (Special Session). Judiciary; civil and criminal court procedures

An act relating to miscellaneous judiciary procedures

This act makes a number of amendments related to criminal and civil procedure statutes, including clarifying that the Juvenile and Adult Court Diversion Programs can accept cases from the Youth Substance Abuse Safety Program, providing that the records of successful Diversion Program participants are expunged rather than sealed, establishing a special index of records that have been expunged from the Diversion Programs, adding kidnapping to the list of offenses that can be the basis of a felony murder charge, and providing immunity to animal shelter and rescue organizations that provide care or treatment to animals during animal cruelty investigations.

Multiple effective dates, beginning on July 1, 2018.