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**Act No. 201 (S.234). Judiciary; human services; juvenile delinquency; youthful offender**

**An act relating to adjudicating all teenagers in the Family Division, except those charged with a serious violent felony**

This act:

- Creates a new section of law, providing for automatic expungement of criminal history records of qualifying crimes for people who were 18-21 years old at the time they committed the offense, as long as certain criteria are met.
- Requires courts to keep a special index of expunged cases and limits inspection of an expunged record to the person who is the subject of the expunged record.
- Charges the Department for Children and Families (DCF) as the designated agency for supervising preparation and administration of the State plan for the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act.
- Requires the State's Attorney to consider the results of the risk and needs screening in determining whether to file a charge in a juvenile delinquency or youthful offender proceeding, with the presumption that low-to-moderate risk offenders will be referred to diversion.
- Provides that a person placed at Woodside Juvenile Rehabilitation Center can continue to receive treatment past his or her 18th birthday if he or she meets certain criteria.
- Requires DCF and others to report to the General Assembly on the plan for expanding juvenile delinquency and youthful offender status to encompass 18- and 19-year-olds, and requires the Joint Legislative Justice Oversight and Child Protection Oversight Committees to issue findings as to whether key milestones have been met and whether appropriate funding exists for the expansion.
- Expands jurisdiction of the Family Division to 18- and 19-year-olds over the next four years.
- Appropriates funding to DCF for the purpose of the expansion of services to 18- and 19-year-olds.

Multiple effective dates, beginning on May 30, 2018