

ARTICLE 5 - JUVENILE JUSTICE INFORMATION SYSTEM

7-19-501. Definitions.

(a) As used in this act:

~~(i) "Adjudicated" or "adjudication" means as defined by W.S. 14-6-201(a)(i);~~

~~(ii) "Adult" means an individual who has attained the age of majority;~~

~~(iii) "Delinquent child" means as defined by W.S. 14-6-201(a)(x);~~

~~(iv) "Disposition" means the action ordered by the juvenile court judge under W.S. 14-6-229 upon adjudication of a juvenile for a delinquent act;~~

~~(v)~~ (i) "Division" means the Wyoming division of criminal investigation within the office of the attorney general;

~~(vi)~~ (ii) "Juvenile" means an individual who is under the age of majority;

(iii) "Juvenile offender" means a juvenile who has committed a delinquent act under W.S. 14-6-201 (a)(ix) or an act punishable as a criminal or status offense by the laws of the state or any political subdivision thereof;

~~(vii) "Qualifying offense" means conduct that, if committed by an adult, would constitute a felony under the provisions of W.S. 6-1-104(a)(xii) or 35-7-1031 or under similar federal law;~~

(iv) "Court" means a municipal, circuit, or district court;

(v) "Juvenile Justice Information System" means a management information system to collect data pertaining to juvenile contact with law enforcement and the judicial system. The purpose of the system is to provide the State with key information on juvenile offenses and outcomes to ensure data driven decisions. The data would include but not be restricted to:

- (A) Arrest;
- (B) Court referrals;
- (C) Diversion;
- (D) Detention;
- (E) Petitions or charges filed;
- (F) Delinquency or conviction finding;
- (G) Probation;
- (H) Secure Confinement; and
- (I) Juveniles prosecuted as adults for felony offenses

~~(viii)~~ (v) "This act" means W.S. 7-19-501 through 7-19-505.

7-19-502. Record system created.

(a) The division shall create and maintain a database for a juvenile justice information system as provided in this act.

(b) The database shall contain the information required by this act. Access to information in the database shall be limited as provided by W.S. 7-19-504.

(c) The division shall promulgate reasonable rules and regulations necessary to carry out the provisions of this act. The division shall ~~annually report by March 1 to the joint judiciary interim committee on the numbers of entries and usage of the database. present the data and analysis in an annual report to the joint judiciary committee by January 1 of each year.~~

(d) The division's management information system shall coordinate juvenile justice data and information located in local and state agencies.

7-19-503. Collection of juvenile justice information.

(a) In any case in which a juvenile is issued a citation, arrested, convicted or adjudicated a delinquent child for the commission of an qualifying offense, ~~the court shall direct that, to the extent possible,~~ the following information shall be collected and provided to the division:

(i) Offender identification information including:

(A) The juvenile offender's name, ~~including other names by which the juvenile is known, and social security number;~~

(B) The juvenile offender's date ~~and place~~ of birth;

(C) The juvenile offender's ~~physical description, including sex, weight, height,~~ race, and ethnicity, ~~eye color, hair color, scars, marks and tattoos;~~

~~(D) The juvenile offender's last known residential address; and~~

~~(E) The juvenile offender's fingerprints.~~

(ii) Offense identification information including:

(A) The ~~criminal~~ offense for which the juvenile was ~~adjudicated delinquent~~ issued a citation or charged;

(B) Identification of the ~~juvenile~~ court in which the juvenile was ~~adjudicated delinquent~~ issued a citation or charged; and

(C) All information required under W.S. 7-19-501 to include † the date and description of the final disposition ordered by the ~~juvenile~~ court.

(b) The information maintained by the division shall not include predisposition studies and reports, social summaries, medical or psychological reports, educational records, multidisciplinary team minutes and records or transcripts of dispositional hearings.

(c) The division may designate codes relating to the information described in subsection (a) of this section.

7-19-504. Access to and dissemination of information; electronic records.

(a) Information contained in the juvenile justice information system shall be accessible, whether directly or through an intermediary, to:

(i) Other criminal justice agencies;

~~(ii) Any person designated for the purpose provided by W.S. 14-6-227;~~

(iii) The department of family services if the subject is in the custody of the department;

(iv) An individual who has met the requirements established by the division to ensure the record will be used solely as a statistical research or reporting record and that the record is to be transferred in a form that is not individually identifiable;

(v) Any record subject as provided by W.S. 7-19-109.

~~(b) When a subject reaches the age of majority, all information in the juvenile justice information system pertaining to that subject shall be deleted.~~

(b) Electronic records.

(i) The division is required to adopt accepted control methods to ensure integrity, security and confidentiality of any electronic records of juveniles generated or maintained in this Act.

(ii) The juvenile justice information system shall be maintained separately from any adult offender management information system in the criminal justice or corrections system.

(iii) Upon reaching the age of majority and when the case is closed, the juvenile's records shall be sealed and electronic records shall have all identifying information removed.

(iv) Electronic records may be used for research and program evaluation as authorized by the division and subject to any applicable laws.

(c) Any person who willfully violates subsection (a) or (b) of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00). Any person or entity who violates subsection (a) of this section shall be denied further access to the system.

7-19-505. Inspection of information.

An individual, his parents and guardian have the right to inspect all juvenile justice record information located within this state which refers to that individual in accordance with W.S. 7-19-109.

14-6-203. Jurisdiction; confidentiality of records.

(f) The district attorney shall establish objective criteria, screening and assessment procedures for determining the court for appropriate disposition in cooperation and coordination with each municipality in the jurisdiction of the district court. The district attorney shall serve as the single point of entry for all minors alleged to have committed a crime and shall gather and report information required by W.S. 7-19-501-506. Except as otherwise provided in this section, copies of all charging documents, reports or citations for cases provided in this subsection shall be forwarded to the district attorney prior to the filing of the charge, report or citation in municipal or city court. The following cases, excluding status offenses, may be originally commenced either in the juvenile court or in the district court or inferior court having jurisdiction: