Sixty-first Legislative Assembly of North Dakota In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 6, 2009

HOUSE BILL NO. 1159 (Judiciary Committee) (At the request of the Department of Human Services)

AN ACT to amend and reenact section 27-20-54 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the destruction of juvenile court records.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Section 27-20-54 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

27-20-54. Destruction of juvenile court records.

- Except as otherwise required under section 25-03.3-04, all juvenile court records must be retained and disposed of pursuant to rules and policies established by the North Dakota supreme court.
- Upon the final destruction of a file or record, the proceeding must be treated as if it never occurred. The juvenile court shall notify each agency named in the file or record of the destruction. All index references, except those which may be made by the director attorney general and the directors of the department of transportation, the department of human services, the department of corrections and rehabilitation, and county social service agencies, must be deleted. Each agency, except the director attorney general and the directors of the department of transportation, the department of human services, the department of corrections and rehabilitation, and county social service agencies, upon notification of the destruction of a file or record, shall destroy all files, records, and references to the child's apprehension, detention, and referral to the juvenile court and any record of disposition made by the juvenile court. The attorney general, the department of human services, the department of corrections and rehabilitation, and county social service agencies may not keep a juvenile file or record longer than is required by the records retention policy of that official, department, or agency. Upon inquiry in any matter the child, the court, and representatives of agencies, except the director attorney general and the directors of the department of transportation, the department of human services, the department of corrections and rehabilitation, and county social service agencies, shall properly reply that no record exists with respect to the child.

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