

SENATE FILE NO. SF0129

Juvenile justice amendments.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Sessions, Decaria and Schiffer  
and Representative(s) Connolly, Craft,  
Gingery and Throne

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to juveniles; requiring criteria and  
2 procedures for determining jurisdiction; amending  
3 confidentiality of records provisions of the Juvenile  
4 Justice Act; and providing for an effective date.

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6 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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8 **Section 1.** W.S. 14-6-203(f)(intro) and (g)(iv) is  
9 amended to read:

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11 **14-6-203. Jurisdiction; confidentiality of records.**

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13 (f) The district attorney shall establish objective  
14 criteria, screening and assessment procedures for  
15 determining the court for appropriate disposition in  
16 cooperation and coordination with each municipality in the

1 jurisdiction of the district court. The district attorney  
2 shall serve as the single point of entry for all minors  
3 alleged to have committed a crime. Except as otherwise  
4 provided in this section, all charging documents, reports  
5 or citations for cases provided in this subsection shall be  
6 forwarded to the district attorney prior to the filing of  
7 the charge, report or citation in municipal or city court.

8 The following cases, excluding status offenses, may be  
9 originally commenced either in the juvenile court or in the  
10 district court or inferior court having jurisdiction:

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12 (g) Except as provided by subsection (j) of this  
13 section, all information, reports or records made, received  
14 or kept by any municipal, county or state officer or  
15 employee evidencing any legal or administrative process or  
16 disposition resulting from a minor's misconduct are  
17 confidential and subject to the provisions of this act. The  
18 existence of the information, reports or records or  
19 contents thereof shall not be disclosed by any person  
20 unless:

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22 (iv) The disclosure results from the information  
23 being shared with or between designated employees of any  
24 court, any law enforcement agency, any prosecutor's office,

1 any employee of the victim services division within the  
2 office of the attorney general, any probation office or any  
3 employee of the department of family services or the  
4 minor's past or present school district who has been  
5 designated to share the information by the department of  
6 family services or by the school district or anyone else  
7 designated by the district attorney in determining the  
8 appropriate court pursuant to a single point of entry  
9 assessment under this section;

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11 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2009.

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