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**RE:** RB 995 An Act Concerning the Court Support Services Division of  
the Judicial Branch

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The Office of the Probate Court Administrator supports RB 995 An Act Concerning the Court Support Services Division of the Judicial Branch. The purpose of this testimony is to highlight section 2, which is the only provision of the bill that affects the Probate Courts.

Section 2 of the bill authorizes disclosure of records of the Superior Court for Juvenile Matters to Probate Court judges and employees in the performance of their duties. The bill is the third and final element of recent efforts to ensure that critical information about the safety and well-being of a child is available to all courts and DCF personnel who may be involved in a case. Previously approved legislation gave probate judges and employees access to DCF records and gave Superior Court judges and employees and DCF personnel access to Probate Court records.

We urge adoption.