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Judiciary Committee Public Hearing
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**Senate Bill 366, An Act Concerning The Erasure Of Records In Delinquency
And Family With Service Needs Matters**

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony, on behalf of the Judicial Branch, in support of **Senate Bill 366, *An Act Concerning the Erasure of Records in Delinquency and Family with Service Needs Matters.***

As Committee members may be aware, when this proposal came before the Committee in years past the Judicial Branch opposed it on the grounds that it would have required additional resources. This past year the Appropriations Committee provided the funding for the additional positions needed to fulfill the requirements of the bill, but the bill itself did not pass both chambers. Since that time, Judicial Branch personnel have been planning for the implementation of a similar bill this year. We have a plan in place and fully expect that we will be able to implement it by October 1, 2014.

We do have one issue with the language of the bill and would respectfully request deletion of the language requiring that records be erased "on the second of January of each year or on a date designated by the court..." Statutory creation of an "erasure day" is unnecessary because the court plans to set up each case for review two years after the disposition date. Therefore, the Branch respectfully proposes the following amendment:

In line 36, after erased, delete "on the second day of January of each year or on a date designated by the court".

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