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Judiciary Committee Public Hearing
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**S.B. 427, An Act Concerning Children in the Juvenile Justice System
and Guardianship Appointment**

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony on behalf of the Judicial Branch regarding *S.B. 427, An Act Concerning Children in the Juvenile Justice System and Guardianship Appointment*.

The Judicial Branch respectfully requests that, should the committee decide to act favorably upon this bill, the effective date be changed to January 1, 2017. We believe we will need that amount of time to implement the changes necessitated by this bill. We would also request removal of the language on lines 232 to 233 that would require the court to order erasure of pertinent records on January 2 of each year. We believe that this date should be within the court's discretion.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.