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SB 454. AN ACT CONCERNING AUTOMATIC ERASURE OF CRIMINAL RECORDS.

The Connecticut Police Chiefs Association feels that this bill, as written, will create an unfunded mandate to each law enforcement agency in Connecticut.

The requirement to “automatically erase” records will require the courts to generate a message to each police department at the end of each nolle period, thirteen months. This message will be a second message concerning the same incident and will require a second manual action by records personnel.

The requirement in Section (e), to notify each subject of such erasure, will incur costs to each police department and will create an unfunded mandate.

Law enforcement agencies make thousands of arrests each year. In 2014 there were 98,000 adult arrests in Connecticut.