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MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 21, 2013

TO: All Judges
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FROM: Jill Booth, Management Analyst

RE: 2012 Public Acts 547, 548, 549, and 550 Nonpublic Status for Cases

Effective April 1, 2013, cases deferred under MCL 600.1076(10) (drug court), MCL 750.350a(6) (parental kidnapping), MCL 333.7411(3) (controlled substances), and MCL 769.4a(7) (domestic violence) will become nonpublic at the time the judge defers judgment of guilt and remain nonpublic if the defendant successfully completes probation. All cases currently on deferred status as of the effective date of the statute, as well as new deferrals that occur on and after the effective date, will be nonpublic at the time of deferral. The nonpublic status of existing cases on deferred status will need to be relayed to local law enforcement agencies so they can make their records nonpublic as well. However, the Michigan State Police will automatically change all cases currently on deferral in their system to nonpublic status on April 1.

Even though the statutory changes do not take effect until April 1, 2013, courts should begin to work with their case management software vendors now to ensure that there is adequate time to program the changes for existing cases on deferral in case management systems. Courts with Judicial Information Systems (JIS) case management systems will receive information from JIS in mid-March on how to accomplish the changes.

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