

ESTABLISHING A UNIFORM CRIMINAL RECORD DATABASE FOR A SAFER GEORGIA

Criminal background checks play an essential role in maintaining a safe and secure society. They impact an individual's employability, housing opportunities and play a critical role in monitoring potential criminal activity in our communities. With many parties involved in keeping records up to date, including prosecutors, clerks and law enforcement professionals at the local and state level of government, having a uniform system is crucial for leading a solid public safety structure.

The current criminal record reporting structure in Georgia lacks the necessary technology and stakeholder communication to accurately track the millions of charges that have been filed in Georgia. Recent statistics show that more than 7 million charges filed against Georgians have no resolution, with 5.4 million of those charges absent from criminal background checks.

This poses an unacceptable risk to the safety of our communities. To tackle this issue, Lt. Governor Geoff Duncan is leading the effort to pass the "Criminal Record Responsibility Act."

INCOMPLETE DATABASE = MAJOR THREAT TO PUBLIC SAFETY



TO CONTINUE OUR STATE'S GROWTH, PUBLIC SAFETY AND JUDICIAL AGENCIES HAVE TO ADAPT TO CURRENT TECHNOLOGY. THE "CRIMINAL RECORD RESPONSIBILITY ACT" WILL BRING AN OVERDUE UPDATE TO GEORGIA'S CRIMINAL RECORD DATABASE AND PROVIDE ACCOUNTABILITY TO THOSE ENTRUSTED WITH MAINTAINING UP TO DATE RECORDS BY:

- UPDATING REQUIREMENTS FOR DOCUMENT SUBMISSIONS TO THE GEORGIA CRIME INFORMATION CENTER (GCIC)
- REMOVING OUTDATED AND UNNECESSARY STEPS FROM THE CRIMINAL DATA SUBMISSION PROCESS
- AUTHORIZE GRANTS TO LOCAL AGENCIES TASKED WITH SUBMITTING DATA FOR TECHNOLOGICAL UPGRADES
- EMPOWER THE COUNCIL OF SUPERIOR COURT CLERKS TO SET RULES FOR ELECTRONIC FILINGS WITHIN THE COURT SYSTEM



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