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MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 29, 2021

TO: Judges
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RE: Criminal Justice Reform Legislation – Impact on Case Management Systems

On February 19, 2021, a [legislative analysis](#) was provided to courts that summarized 20 criminal justice reform bills that were signed into law and go into effect as early as March 24, 2021, or October 1, 2021. The reforms are extensive and affect a variety of court procedures related to appearance tickets, warrants, decriminalization, summons, sentencing, probation, and driver license suspensions.

There are numerous criminal offenses in the analysis that:

- have been decriminalized and are now civil infractions;
- no longer require the Secretary of State to suspend a driver's license upon conviction; and
- no longer require the court to generate a 14-day notice for failing to appear or comply with a judgment. See page 20-24 and also Appendix C.

The new legislation may impact programming in the case management systems. Judicial Information Services (JIS) is developing program changes to meet the requirements of the new laws and will be providing further communication regarding these changes. All non-JIS courts are encouraged to review the legislation and check with their vendors to see what changes must be made to accommodate the new legislation.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at CourtServices@courts.mi.gov.