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Data Dissemination Committee
Administrative Office of the Courts
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Dear Members of the Committee:

We are writing to request access to court case (referral and detention) records in JIS-Link for Truancy (TRU), At-Risk Youth (ARY), and Child in Need of Services (CHINS). The Washington State Institute for Public Policy (WSIPP) was previously authorized to receive Case Type 7 SCOMIS records, and access to these cases in JIS-Link is necessary to ensure we are correctly processing these SCOMIS records.

WSIPP currently receives TRU, ARY, and CHINS Case Type 7 SCOMIS cases (i.e., juvenile offender cases) on a rolling basis from AOC. These records are incorporated into our larger Criminal History Database. This comprehensive database allows us to conduct research projects at the behest of the legislature and other state agencies (e.g., Juvenile Rehabilitation), to evaluate program/policy effectiveness, and to provide information about overall trends in the criminal justice system over time.

To date, WSIPP has received several data transfers that include the Case Type 7 records. As we have worked to incorporate these records into our larger database, we have identified unique characteristics of Case Type 7 records and need additional information to accurately process these records. After reaching out to data personnel at AOC, we were directed to look up cases in JIS-Link in order to obtain more information. WSIPP currently has access to Case Type 8 records in JIS-Link, but does not have access to Case Type 7 records.

WSIPP requests access to JIS-Link records for Case Type 7 juvenile case data with cause code 'TRU,' 'ARY,' and "CHINS.' We are sensitive to the confidential nature of these records. WSIPP maintains a secure computer network and only authorized personnel will have access to these files. Authorized personnel will be required to obtain independent credentials for JIS-Link from AOC.

Sincerely,

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