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MEMORANDUM

Date

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To

Court Executives Advisory Committee

From

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Subject

Correction of JBSIS Felony Time to Disposition and Case Aging Reporting **Action Requested**

Please Review

Deadline

N/A

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Background

The Court Statistics Report (CSR) is an annual publication released by the Judicial Council that reports on the business of the courts. Data used in the CSR is collected through the Judicial Branch Statistical Information System (JBSIS). The CSR provides information on criminal case processing time by county and currently reports "Felonies Held to Answer Disposed of in Less than 12 Months." The case aging categories in JBSIS for Age of Disposed Preinformation Cases from Complaint Arraignment to Final or Interim Disposition do not include a category that would make it possible to report on cases that dispose in 12 months or fewer. As a result, there have been instances in which timeliness of felony case processing has been misconstrued in some counties.

Current Data Definition

The current definition for Age of Disposition Cases from Complaint Arraignment to Final or Interim Disposition reads: "Report the number of cases that, in a stage prior to the filing of an

information, were disposed (final or interim), and in which the defendant was arraigned on a complaint. Age from complaint arraignment date to final or interim disposition date." The reported data is then broken down in ranges of 0-30 days, 31-45 days, 46-90 days, and greater than 91 days.

The current definition for Age of Cases Pending Arraignment on the Information reads: "Report the number of pending cases in which the defendant was not yet arraigned on an information. Age from complaint arraignment date to the last day of the reporting period." The reported data is then broken down into ranges of 0-30 days, 31-45 days, 46-90 days, and greater than 91 days.

Proposed Change

The proposed change would be to re-designate the current range of greater than 91 days to be 91-365 days and add a row to report cases that are greater than 366 days. The JBSIS Manual and Matrix for the Felony 7C report would update Row 3170 to report 91-365 days, create a new Row 3175 to report greater than 366 days, update Row 4570 to report 91-365 days, and create a new Row 4575 to report greater than 366 days.

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Impact and Implementation

This change would impact all 58 courts, regardless of whether they are reporting through the automated JBSIS transmission or are reporting manually through the Web Portal. If approved by the Court Executives Advisory Committee (CEAC) the recommendation would be presented to the Judicial Council at the May 2020 business meeting. If approved, the changes would be effective July 2021. To effectuate the change, courts and case management system providers would need to make the appropriate revisions to their data collection and data reporting systems to capture the new data elements. Those changes would need to be implemented between May 2020 and June 2021 in order to take effect by July 2021. Additionally, JBSIS would need to be modified to capture the new data elements.

Recommendation

The JBSIS Subcommittee of CEAC recommends that the proposed changes to the case aging sections of the JBSIS 7C Felony report be accepted to allow for an accurate depiction of felony time to disposition in the CSR.