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## **ASSEMBLY FLOOR ALERT**

### **Assembly Bill 898 (Lee) as amended, April 5, 2021**

### **Criminal records: automatic conviction record relief – Support File Item # 190**

The Judicial Council is pleased to support and sponsor AB 898 (Lee), which ensures the accuracy of court records for individuals entitled to automatic criminal record relief who have their probation transferred from one county to another county. Ensuring the accuracy of these records helps individuals who are entitled to relief avoid needless barriers to employment and housing, among other things, when requests for criminal records are made to courts.

Specifically, AB 898:

- Requires the Department of Justice (DOJ), in cases where probation has been transferred from one county to another, to electronically submit notice of conviction record relief to both the transferring court and any subsequent receiving court.
- Requires a receiving court that reduces a felony to a misdemeanor or dismisses a conviction to report that information to the DOJ.
- Provides that if probation is transferred multiple times, DOJ must electronically submit notice to all involved courts.
- Requires any court receiving notice of a reduction or dismissal to update its records.
- Prohibits a court receiving notification of dismissal from disclosing information concerning the dismissed conviction except to the person whose conviction was dismissed or a criminal justice agency.

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