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Summary

The Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee recommends amending a rule of court, revising three forms, and approving three new optional forms to implement recent legislative changes concerning the sealing of juvenile records. The legislative changes allow access to sealed records for two additional purposes, and expand sealing of records for youth diverted from the juvenile courts.

Recommendation

The Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee recommends that the Judicial Council, effective January 1, 2022:

1. Amend California Rules of Court, rule 5.850 concerning the sealing of records for probation diversion cases to conform to recent legislative changes on timing and notice;
2. Approve two new optional forms *Law Enforcement Notice on Sealing of Records* (form JV-581) and *Petition to Seal Juvenile Police Records* (form JV-582), for law enforcement use when sealing the records of youth diverted by those agencies and their partners;
3. Approve one new optional form *Acknowledgment of Juvenile Diversion Record Sealed* (form JV-589) for use in sealing probation diversion records;
4. Revise optional form *Probation Department Notice on Sealing of Records After Diversion Program* (form JV-597) to provide for the sealing of arrest records by law enforcement; and
5. Revise two mandatory information forms *How to Ask the Court to Seal Your Records* (form JV-595-INFO) and *Sealing of Records for Satisfactory Completion of Probation* (form JV-596-INFO) to incorporate information on recent legislative changes allowing for access to sealed records.