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Title

Judicial Council-Sponsored Legislation: Court Records Destruction Reporting Requirement (Action Required)

Summary

The Policy Coordination and Liaison Committee and Court Executives Advisory Committee recommend that the Judicial Council sponsor legislation to amend Government Code section 68153, the statute governing the destruction of court records, to eliminate the requirement that superior courts must report destroyed court records to the Judicial Council. Current law requires superior courts to provide lists of the court records destroyed within the jurisdiction of the superior court to the Judicial Council in accordance with the California Rules of Court. Eliminating the requirement for courts to provide the lists to the council would reduce the courts' workload and simplify the reporting process.

Recommendation

The Policy Coordination and Liaison Committee and Court Executives Advisory Committee recommend that the Judicial Council sponsor legislation to eliminate the statutory reporting requirement in Government Code section 68153.