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By Senators Haugen, McCaslin, McAuliffe, Long, Goings, Winsley, Rasmussen and Wood

Read first time . Referred to Committee on .

1            TO THE HONORABLE WILLIAM J. CLINTON, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED  
2 STATES, AND TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE  
3 OF REPRESENTATIVES, AND TO THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
4 THE UNITED STATES, IN CONGRESS ASSEMBLED:

5            We, your Memorialists, the Senate and House of Representatives of  
6 the State of Washington, in legislative session assembled, respectfully  
7 represent and petition as follows:

8            WHEREAS, Juvenile crime continues to be a major public safety  
9 concern; and

10           WHEREAS, Juvenile criminal records are statistically reliable  
11 indicators of potential recidivism; and

12           WHEREAS, Law enforcement agencies and juvenile justice system  
13 administrators need reliable and relevant data regarding juvenile  
14 offenders; and

15           WHEREAS, There is no national system for obtaining juvenile  
16 criminal records; and

17           WHEREAS, Juveniles have become increasingly mobile and less likely  
18 to remain in one state;

19           NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that the  
20 National Crime Information Center establish a data base into which  
21 juvenile convictions may be entered; that only juvenile convictions and

1 no other data, such as "social" files, be included in the data base;  
2 that every state be required to contribute to the data base; and that  
3 only law enforcement agencies and juvenile justice system  
4 administrators be allowed access to the records to aid in decisions  
5 regarding risk factors and placement of juvenile offenders.

6 BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately  
7 transmitted to the Honorable William J. Clinton, President of the  
8 United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker  
9 of the House of Representatives, and each member of Congress from the  
10 State of Washington.

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