

JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF COLORADO

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 21-120

SUBJECT: Order Authorizing Clerk of Court to Modify a Juvenile's Court Record to Reflect Accurate Sex Offender Registration Status

Pursuant to HB 21-1064

To: All Judicial Officers, Court Executive, Clerk of Court, Court Staff, District

Attorney, Public Defender, Boulder County Bar Association, Chief Probation Officer, Probation Staff, Community Justice Services, County Attorney,

Sheriff, Jail, Law Enforcement

From: Ingrid S. Bakke DATE: ____October 26, 2021_

Chief Judge

On June 24, 2021, Governor Polis signed into law House Bill 21-1064, Concerning the Implementation of Recommendations from the Legislative Oversight Committee Concerning the Treatment of Persons with Mental Health Disorders in the Criminal and Juvenile Justice Systems Regarding Juveniles Who Have Committed Sex Offenses. As relevant to this Chief Judge Order, HB 21-1064 amended and added certain provisions to C.R.S. § 16-22-101, et. seq., the Colorado Sex Offender Registration Act. Pursuant to Section 14 of HB 21-1064, the legislation took effect on September 1, 2021.

Section 2 of HB 21-1064 amended C.R.S. § 16-22-103(4) by adding, in relevant part, "If a person is required to register pursuant to this article 22 due to an adjudication or disposition as a juvenile, the duty to register automatically terminates either when the person reaches twenty-five years of age or seven years from the date the juvenile was required to register, whichever occurs later." Pursuant to Sections 3 and 8 of HB 21-1064, eligibility for automatic termination is determined by local law enforcement and the Colorado Bureau of Investigation (CBI), but a qualified juvenile may file a petition with the court for removal if the CBI fails to remove the juvenile from the registry. *See* C.R.S. § 16-22-108; C.R.S. § 16-22-113.

In the event the CBI removes a juvenile from the registry pursuant to HB 21-1064's automatic termination provision, the CBI notifies the Judicial Department of the removal. Upon receipt of such a notification, it is necessary for the Judicial Department to modify the affected juvenile's court record to reflect that sex offense registration is no longer required. Failure to do so could result in an automatic, but erroneous, communication between the Judicial Department's case management system and the CBI indicating that the juvenile is still required to register as a sex offender.

Pursuant to the authority provided to Chief Judges under Chief Justice Directive 95-01, and to allow the efficient case management for cases involving juveniles impacted by HB 21-1064 in the Twentieth Judicial District, this Chief Judge Order is hereby entered to authorize the Clerk of Court, or designee, to modify a juvenile's court record in the Judicial Department's case management system to reflect that sex offense registration is no longer required for each juvenile the CBI removes from the sex offender registry pursuant to HB 21-1064's automatic termination provisions.

Hon. Ingrid S. Bakke

Chief Judge

Twentieth Judicial District