

1 **Rule 7-302. ~~Social studies~~Court reports prepared for delinquency cases.**

2 **Intent:**

3 To develop minimum standards for ~~social studies court reports to~~for the Juvenile Court.

4 **Applicability:**

5 This rule shall apply to all ~~social studies court reports~~ prepared for ~~delinquent delinquency~~ cases  
6 in the Juvenile Courts.

7 **Statement of the Rule:**

- 8 (1) The probation department or other agency designated by the court shall prepare a ~~social~~  
9 ~~study court report~~ in writing in all cases in which a petition has been filed, ~~except:~~
- 10 (2) The court can direct the probation department to prepare a ~~social study court report~~ on  
11 any matter referred to the court.
- 12 (3) The contents of the ~~social study court report~~ shall include the following:
- 13 ~~(3)(A)~~ a summary of:
- 14 ~~(3)(A)(i)~~ the circumstances surrounding the matter before the court;
- 15 ~~(3)(A)(ii)~~ the minor's prior referral history, including prior actions taken by the  
16 probation department;
- 17 ~~(3)(A)(iii)~~ A record of any contacts and history the family has had with other  
18 agencies;
- 19 ~~(3)(A)(iv)~~ the victim impact statement and an itemized listing of losses or  
20 damages suffered by the victim with respect to the matter before the  
21 court;
- 22 ~~(3)(A)(v)~~ responses to the minor's compliant and non-compliant behavior;
- 23 ~~(3)(A)(vi)~~ A statement of the minor's academic performance and behavior in  
24 school and a statement of the minor's employment history if  
25 applicable;
- 26 ~~(3)(A)(vii)~~ A statement of any physical or emotional problems the minor may  
27 have that could affect behavior;
- 28 ~~(3)(A)(viii)~~ the minor's substance use history; and
- 29 ~~(3)(A)(i)(3)(A)(ix)~~ A list of the strengths and weaknesses of the minor as  
30 perceived by the minor and the parents or guardian(s); and
- 31 ~~(3)(B)~~ A statement of the circumstances surrounding the matter before the court.

~~(3)(C) An itemized listing of loss or damage suffered by the victim with respect to the matter before the court.~~

~~(3)(D)(3)(B) an assessment of:~~

~~(3)(B)(i) the minor's attitude towards the court and the minor's attitude and values in general;~~

~~(3)(B)(ii) A statement of the parents' attitude and what corrective action, if any, they took with respect to the minor's conduct and actions that which brought the minor before the court; and~~

~~(3)(B)(iii) A list of the strengths and weaknesses of the parents as they perceive them or guardian(s); and~~

~~(3)(E)(3)(C) the minor's risk level as indicated by a validated risk and needs assessment, as well as a list of risk and protective factors;~~

~~(3)(F)(3)(D) recommendations specific to the minor's risk level that consider restorative justice principles and evidence-based best practices;~~

~~(3)(G)(3)(E) sentencing guideline results, including aggravating and mitigating factors; and a statement of the minor's academic performance and behavior in school and a statement of the minor's employment history if applicable.~~

~~(3)(H)(3)(F) any other relevant information. A record of any contacts the family has had with other agencies.~~

~~(3)(I) A list of strengths and weaknesses of the minor as perceived by the minor and the parents. A list of strengths and weaknesses of the parents as they perceive them.~~

~~(3)(J) A statement of any physical or emotional problems the minor may have that could affect behavior.~~

~~(3)(K) A dispositional recommendation based upon the information gathered.~~

- (4) All information contained in the ~~social study court report~~ should be verified whenever possible. Individuals providing information for the report should be identified and any opinions or unverified information should be identified as such.
- (5) No social information shall be gathered on a minor if the minor denies the allegations during the preliminary inquiry unless the minor and parent/guardian or custodian give their written consent for the information to be gathered.
- (6) No social information shall be provided to the court before the minor's case is adjudicated.
- (7) Once the ~~social study court report~~ is prepared, it shall be electronically filed in the minor's file~~placed in the minor's social file where it shall remain.~~

66 ~~(8) — If a minor moves to another judicial district, the social file shall be forwarded to the new~~  
67 ~~district of residence.~~

68 *Effective November 1, 2019*