

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

2 **Intent:**

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

4 **Applicability:**

5 This rule shall apply to all court reports prepared for delinquency cases in the Juvenile Courts.

6 **Statement of the Rule:**

7 (1) **Court report.** The probation department or other agency designated by the court shall
8 prepare a court report in writing in all cases in which a petition has been filed.

9 (2) **Any matter.** The court can direct the probation department to prepare a court report
10 on any matter referred to the court.

11 (3) **Report contents.** The contents of the court report shall include the following:

12 (3)(A) a summary of:

13 (3)(A)(i) the circumstances surrounding the matter before the court;

14 (3)(A)(ii) the minor's prior referral history, including prior actions taken by the
15 probation department;

16 (3)(A)(iii) any contacts and history the family has had with other agencies;

17 (3)(A)(iv) the victim impact statement ~~and an itemized listing of losses or~~
18 ~~damages suffered by the victim with respect to the matter before~~
19 ~~the court;~~

20 (3)(A)(v) responses to the minor's compliant and non-compliant behavior;

21 (3)(A)(vi) the minor's academic performance and behavior in school and a
22 statement of the minor's employment history if applicable;

23 (3)(A)(vii) any physical or emotional problems the minor may have that could
24 affect behavior;

25 (3)(A)(viii) the minor's substance use history; and

26 (3)(A)(ix) the strengths and weaknesses of the minor as perceived by the
27 minor and the parents or guardian(s); ~~and~~

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

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

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

34 ~~(3)(B)(iii) the strengths and weaknesses of the parents or guardian(s); and~~

- 35 | (3)(~~BC~~) the minor's risk level as indicated by a validated risk and needs assessment,
36 | as well as a list of risk and protective factors;
- 37 | (3)(~~DC~~) recommendations specific to the minor's risk level that consider restorative
38 | justice principles and evidence-based best practices;
- 39 | (3)(~~DE~~) an acknowledgment that probation considered the Juvenile Disposition
40 | Guidelines and if there is a deviation from the statutory presumption or an
41 | increase in the level of supervision, the specific factors supporting the
42 | deviationsentencing guideline results, including aggravating and mitigating
43 | factors; and
- 44 | (3)(~~EF~~) any other relevant information.
- 45 | (4) **Verification.** All information contained in the court report should be verified whenever
46 | possible. Individuals providing information for the report should be identified and any
47 | opinions or unverified information should be identified as such.
- 48 | (5) **Social information.** No social information shall be gathered on a minor if the minor
49 | denies the allegations during the preliminary inquiry unless the minor and
50 | parent/guardian or custodian give their written consent for the information to be
51 | gathered. (~~6~~) No social information shall be provided to the court before the minor's
52 | case is adjudicated.
- 53 | (~~67~~) **Filing.** Once the court report is prepared, it shall be electronically filed in the minor's
54 | file.

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56 | *Effective May/November 1, 20__19*