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EXPUNGEMENT REFORM

- **DUI/OWI**
- **Clean-up to facilitate implementation**

Michigan's New Clean-Slate Law Makes State a Leader in Criminal Justice Reform



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SENTENCING REFORM

- **Michigan Joint Task Force on Jail and Pretrial Incarceration**
 - Revised license suspensions
 - Decriminalized some traffic misdemeanors
 - Eliminated mandatory minimum jail sentences
 - Prioritized alternatives to arrest/jail sentences
 - Focused on reducing jail for people on probation/parole
 - Outstanding: bail reform
- **Apply same model to felonies and prison**
- **Habitual Offender reform**



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Jail Reforms Pass with Overwhelming Support

In final days of session, lawmakers prioritized bills to reshape Michigan's justice system

LANSING, MI, December 21, 2020 – During the final week of session, the legislature sent a bipartisan package of bills to Governor Whitmer that will fundamentally reshape how the state utilizes county jails. The 20 bills, carried by a diverse group of Republican and Democratic state senators and representatives and passed with overwhelming support, are based on policy recommendations from the Michigan Joint Task Force on Jail and Pretrial Incarceration, a group of criminal justice experts and key stakeholders that was led by Lt. Governor Garlin Gilchrist II and Chief Justice Bridget Mary McCormack, which conducted a year-long study of Michigan's jails and engaged input from the public in a series of meetings statewide.

MICHIGAN INDIGENT DEFENSE COMMISSION

- **The constitutional right to counsel should not be determined by a person's ability to pay**
- **Important strides**
 - Independence from judiciary
 - Expansion of training
 - Experts and investigators
 - Client interviews and counsel at first appearance/critical stages
- **Future work**
 - Workloads
 - Qualifications
 - Compensation



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IMPROVING EQUITY AND FAIRNESS

- **Increase pre-arrest interventions**
- **Implicit bias training**
- **Privacy protections**
- **Forensic science**
- **Fines & fees**
- **Medical parole/commutation process**

