

a national, nonprofit organization of Governor-appointed senior justice and public officials from the states and territories.

## SEARCH...

represents the collective voice of the States on criminal history records, background checks, justice information sharing, privacy and security, and high-tech crime.

speaks as a consensus voice of the States on criminal history and justice information technology, policy, and practice.

### Key issues...

### Our focus:

<p><b>Criminal History Records &amp; Background Checks</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Developing and promoting standards regarding criminal history records to ensure timely, accurate, and complete information.</li> <li>■ Creating strategies and providing technical assistance to continuously improve data quality, enhance the utility of criminal history records, and ensure the security and privacy of systems and information.</li> <li>■ Building robust tools and policies that support responsible and effective use of criminal history records at critical decision points throughout the whole of the justice enterprise, including:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● prosecution, bail, sentencing, release from corrections, and more</li> <li>● screening for firearms purchases</li> <li>● background checks for job applicants, volunteers, and licensees—especially when it involves access to vulnerable populations or sensitive locations and data.</li> </ul> </li> <li>■ Crafting workable solutions for more efficient, affordable, and effective background checks.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Justice Information Sharing</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Demonstrating the strategic and tactical value of justice information sharing in day-to-day operations, and during critical incidents and natural disasters.</li> <li>■ Building the capacity of state and local justice agencies—law enforcement, prosecutors, courts, corrections, first responders—to effectively manage and share real-time information with one another.</li> <li>■ Assessing the impact of legislative and regulatory proposals on local, State, and national justice information systems and sharing capabilities.</li> <li>■ Measuring the business and public safety value of justice information sharing initiatives among local, State, and Federal agencies in exchanging criminal history records nationally.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Privacy, Security, &amp; Accuracy</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Enhancing the use of fingerprints and other biometric identifiers to verify and establish positive identity and ensure criminal history records data quality.</li> <li>■ Creating and promoting policies, technology standards, and operational practices that:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● ensure timely, accurate, and complete information</li> <li>● recognize and respect the civil rights and civil liberties of individuals</li> <li>● establish and ensure appropriate security to safeguard against risks of loss, unauthorized access or use, or unintended or inappropriate disclosure.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>High-Tech Crime &amp; Online Child Exploitation</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Providing training and technical support to law enforcement in effectively combating cybercrime, seizing and examining an expanding array of digital devices and evidence, and building secure and resilient information systems and resources.</li> <li>■ Developing and training law enforcement in advanced techniques that support the investigation and successful prosecutions of online child exploitation.</li> </ul>