

SEARCH Resolution 07-42

Of the Membership Group of SEARCH, The National Consortium for Justice Information and Statistics

February 14, 2007

Enhancements to the Brady, National Instant Criminal Background Check System

WHEREAS, on January 25, 2004, the SEARCH Membership Group adopted a Resolution that comprehensively addresses the enhancement of the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS);

WHEREAS, SEARCH staff and members have worked with Representative Carolyn McCarthy (D-NY) and her staff to provide input to her NICS improvement legislation and, further, regarding SEARCH's commitment to improve NICS and SEARCH's concerns regarding the reporting of disposition and mental health information;

WHEREAS, the SEARCH Membership Group wants to continue to be supportive of the Congress' efforts to improve the NICS;

WHEREAS, the funding for the National Criminal History Improvement Program (NCHIP) has been reduced since 2003; and

WHEREAS, NCHIP funding has been so severely reduced that some states no longer receive NCHIP grants;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Membership Group of SEARCH, The National Consortium for Justice Information and Statistics, that:

"The SEARCH Membership Group reaffirms its Resolution of January 25, 2004, (attached) with the following additions:

- The states should not be required to report mental health information to NICS, unless an adjudicatory order relating to an individual's mental health status has been entered; and
- Congress should restore NCHIP funding at least to the 2003 level."