

SEARCH Resolution 93-12

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

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Interstate and Federal-State Compact on the Exchange of Criminal History Records

WHEREAS, from the inception of the Interstate Identification Index ("III") concept, SEARCH, The National Consortium for Justice Information and Statistics ("SEARCH"), has strongly supported implementation of the III System and full participation by the state central criminal record repositories, including participation in the National Fingerprint File; and

WHEREAS, SEARCH has also supported and participated in the development of a proposed interstate and federal-state compact to support an operational III System, and

WHEREAS, a draft compact recommended by the National Crime Information Center Advisory Policy Board and endorsed by SEARCH was approved by the FBI Director on June 4, 1992, and by the U.S. Attorney General on October 29, 1992; and

WHEREAS, ratification of a compact by the Congress and the states is a critical step in achieving implementation of an efficient and stable III System; and

WHEREAS, the ratification process may well be lengthy and difficult in many states and, for this reason, the process should commence as soon as possible in order for ratification by all participating parties to take place in a timely fashion.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That SEARCH urges the U.S. Department of Justice to forward the proposed Interstate and Federal-State Compact on the Exchange of Criminal History Records for Noncriminal Justice Purposes to the Congress as soon as possible, and further urges that Congressional action to review and ratify the compact be undertaken as soon as possible after receipt of the proposal so as to provide a legal framework for full implementation and operation of the III System.