

## SEARCH Resolution 99-24

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

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### **Enhancements to the Brady National Instant Criminal Background Check System**

**WHEREAS**, SEARCH has provided technical expertise and assistance to the Congress and to the Department of Justice regarding the establishment, implementation and operation of the Brady National Instant Criminal Background Check System ("NICS");

**WHEREAS**, many SEARCH members, through the state central repositories or other state agencies, have been partners with or otherwise contributed to the development, implementation and operation of the NICS;

**WHEREAS**, SEARCH supports efforts to improve the comprehensiveness, reliability, timeliness and privacy qualities of the NICS; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 20, 1999, the Senate passed S. 254, the Violent and Repeat Juvenile Accountability and Rehabilitation Act of 1999, which provides for improvements in the NICS including federal justice assistance money to the states to operate as points of contact;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Membership Group of SEARCH, the National Consortium for Justice Information and Statistics, that: "The Congress of the United States is urged to adopt improvements and enhancements to the NICS, consistent with the approach in S. 254, which would:

- Provide for payments to those states that act as points of contacts for access to the NICS in an aggregate amount not less than \$ 40,000,000.
- Provide for grants to all states to improve disposition reporting in relationship to the NICS in an aggregate amount not less than \$ 25,000,000.
- Provide for a study of the feasibility of developing a single fingerprint, convicted offender database which could be accessed by licensed firearms dealers in connection with the NICS.
- Provide for the development of procedures for the collection of data identifying all persons that are prohibited from possessing firearms by Section 922 (g) of Title 18 of the United States Code including, in particular, persons adjudicated as a mental defective, persons committed to mental institutions and persons subject to domestic violence restraining orders and other persons who are prohibited from possessing firearms on the basis of criteria other than conviction of a felony."