SENATE BILL NO. 257

April 10, 2019, Introduced by Senator CHANG and referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety.

A bill to amend 1927 PA 175, entitled "The code of criminal procedure,"

by amending section 4a of chapter IX (MCL 769.4a), as amended by 2013 PA 222.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

CHAPTER IX

Sec. 4a. (1) When an individual who has not been convicted

previously of an assaultive crime pleads guilty to, or is found

guilty of, a violation of section 81 or 81a of the Michigan penal





- 1 code, 1931 PA 328, MCL 750.81 and 750.81a, and the victim of the
- 2 assault is the offender's spouse or former spouse, an individual
- 3 who has had a child in common with the offender, an individual who
- 4 has or has had a dating relationship with the offender, or an
- 5 individual residing or having resided in the same household as the
- 6 offender, the court, without entering a judgment of guilt and with
- 7 the consent of the accused and of the prosecuting attorney in
- 8 consultation with the victim, may defer further proceedings and
- 9 place the accused on probation as provided in this section.
- 10 However, before deferring proceedings under this subsection, the
- 11 court shall contact the department of state police and determine
- 12 whether, according to the records of the department of state
- 13 police, the accused has previously been convicted of an assaultive
- 14 crime or has previously availed himself or herself of this section.
- 15 If the search of the records reveals an arrest for an assaultive
- 16 crime but no disposition, the court shall contact the arresting
- 17 agency and the court that had jurisdiction over the violation to
- 18 determine the disposition of that arrest for purposes of this
- 19 section.
- 20 (2) Upon a violation of a term or condition of probation, the
- 21 court may enter an adjudication of guilt and proceed as otherwise
- 22 provided in this chapter.
- 23 (3) An order of probation entered under subsection (1) may
- 24 include any condition of probation authorized under section 3 of
- 25 chapter XI, including, but not limited to, requiring the accused to
- 26 participate in a mandatory counseling program. The court may order
- 27 the accused to pay the reasonable costs of the mandatory counseling
- 28 program. The court also may order the accused to participate in a
- 29 drug treatment court under chapter 10A of the revised judicature



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- 1 act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.1060 to 600.1084. 600.1088. The
- 2 court may order the defendant to be imprisoned for not more than 12
- 3 months at the time or intervals, which may be consecutive or
- 4 nonconsecutive and within the period of probation, as the court
- 5 determines. However, the period of imprisonment shall must not
- 6 exceed the maximum period of imprisonment authorized for the
- 7 offense if the maximum period is less than 12 months. The court may
- 8 permit day parole as authorized under 1962 PA 60, MCL 801.251 to
- 9 801.258. The court may permit a work or school release from jail.
- 10 (4) The court shall enter an adjudication of guilt and proceed
 11 as otherwise provided in this chapter if any of the following
 12 circumstances exist:
- (a) The accused commits an assaultive crime during the periodof probation.
- 15 (b) The accused violates an order of the court that he or she receive counseling regarding his or her violent behavior.
- 17 (c) The accused violates an order of the court that he or she18 have no contact with a named individual.
- 19 (5) Upon fulfillment of the terms and conditions, the court
 20 shall discharge the person and dismiss the proceedings against the
 21 person. Discharge and dismissal under this section shall must be
 22 without adjudication of guilt and is not a conviction for purposes
- 23 of this section or for purposes of disqualifications or
- 24 disabilities imposed by law upon conviction of a crime, but it is a
- 25 prior conviction in a prosecution under sections 81(3) and (4)
- 26 81(4) and (5) and 81a(3) of the Michigan penal code, 1931 PA 328,
- 27 MCL 750.81 and 750.81a. There shall must be only 1 discharge and
- 28 dismissal under this section with respect to any individual.
- 29 (6) All court proceedings under this section shall must be



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open to the public. Except as provided in subsection (7), if the record of proceedings as to the defendant is deferred under this section, the record of proceedings during the period of deferral shall must be closed to public inspection.

- (7) Unless the court enters a judgment of guilt under this section, the department of state police shall retain a nonpublic record of the arrest, court proceedings, and disposition of the criminal charge under this section. However, the nonpublic record shall must be open to the following individuals and entities for the purposes noted:
- 11 (a) The courts of this state, law enforcement personnel, the department of corrections, and prosecuting attorneys for use only 12 in the performance of their duties or to determine whether an 13 14 employee of the court, law enforcement agency, department of 15 corrections, or prosecutor's office has violated his or her conditions of employment or whether an applicant meets criteria for 16 17 employment with the court, law enforcement agency, department of 18 corrections, or prosecutor's office.
- 19 (b) The courts of this state, law enforcement personnel, and 20 prosecuting attorneys for either of the following purposes:
- (i) Showing that a defendant in a criminal action under section
 81 or 81a of the Michigan penal code, 1931 PA 328, MCL 750.81 and
 750.81a, or a local ordinance substantially corresponding to
 section 81 of that act has already once availed himself or herself
 of this section.
- 26 (ii) Determining whether the defendant in a criminal action is 27 eligible for discharge and dismissal of proceedings by a drug 28 treatment court under section 1076(5) of the revised judicature act 29 of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.1076.



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- 1 (c) The department of **health and** human services for enforcing
 2 child protection laws and vulnerable adult protection laws or
 3 ascertaining the preemployment criminal history of any individual
 4 who will be engaged in the enforcement of child protection laws or
- 5 vulnerable adult protection laws.
- 6 (8) As used in this section:
- 7 (a) "Assaultive crime" means 1 or more of the following:
- 8 (i) That term as defined in section 9a of chapter X.
- 9 (ii) A violation of chapter XI of the Michigan penal code, 193110 PA 328, MCL 750.81 to 750.90h.
- 11 (iii) A violation of a law of another state or of a local ordinance of a political subdivision of this state or of another state substantially corresponding to a violation described in subparagraph (i) or (ii).
- 15 (b) "Dating relationship" means frequent, intimate
 16 associations primarily characterized by the expectation of
 17 affectional involvement. This term does not include a casual
 18 relationship or an ordinary fraternization between 2 individuals in
 19 a business or social context.
- 20 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect 90 days 21 after the date it is enacted into law.