

**JOINT COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY
BILL SUMMARY**

BILL NO: H1619

TITLE: An Act relative to Trial Court data collection

SPONSOR: Rep. Tackey Chan

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DA Paul Tucker DA Michael Morrissey
DA David Sullivan DA Joseph Early, Jr.
DA Rob Galibois DA Kevin Hayden

HEARING DATE: September 9, 2025

REPORTING DEADLINE: November 8, 2025

PRIOR HISTORY: H1422 (2023-2024)
H1923 (2021-2022)

SENATE BILL: None

CURRENT LAW: Section 9 of Chapter 211B of the General Laws outlines the powers and duties of the Chief Justice of the Trial Court. It establishes them as the policy and judicial head of the Trial Court of the Commonwealth and grants them the authority necessary to carry out a long list of responsibilities pursuant to this position.

BILL SUMMARY: Section 1 – Adds to Section 9 the responsibility to collect and maintain offense information, race, gender and age data of persons before the court accused of a crime, and to provide such data publicly.