

ALABAMA RULES OF JUVENILE PROCEDURE

Rule 18.

Release of confidential juvenile court statistical information.

A juvenile court may release statistical information regarding the processing and disposition of juvenile court cases considered to be confidential by law if the identity of the parties cannot be ascertained from such information and the release of such information is not detrimental to the interests of a child or to the work of the juvenile court.

[Amended 7-14-2011, eff. 10-1-2011; Amended 5-1-2014, eff. 7-1-2014.]

Comment

Sections 5-142 and 5-143, Act No. 1205, Acts of Alabama, 1975 Regular Session, protect the confidentiality of juvenile court records. This rule is designed to protect such confidentiality of individual records while allowing the release of statistical information to the public. The protection of the identity of parties may preclude courts in small communities from releasing information except quarterly, semi-annually, etc.

Comment to Amendment to Rule 18 Effective October 1, 2011

The changes to this rule were technical.

Comment to Amendment to Rule 18 Effective July 1, 2014

The amendment to Rule 18 is technical. No substantive change is intended.

Note from the reporter of decisions: The order amending effective October 1, 2011, Rule 1, Rule 2, Rule 3, Rule 5, Rule 6, Rule 8, Rule 9, Rule 12, Rule 13, Rule 14, Rule 15, Rule 15.1, Rule 17, Rule 18, Rule 20, Rule 23, Rule 24, Rule 25, Rule 26, Rule 28, and Rule 31 and adopting effective October 1, 2011, Rule 8.1 and the Comment to Amendment to Rule 1 Effective October 1, 2011; the Comment to Amendment to Rule 2 Effective October 1, 2011; the Comment to Amendment to Rule 3 Effective October 1, 2011; the Comment to Amendment to Rule 5 Effective October 1, 2011; the Comment to Amendment to Rule 6 Effective October 1, 2011; the Comment to Amendment to Rule 8 Effective October 1, 2011; the Comment to Adoption of Rule 8.1 Effective

October 1, 2011; the Comment to Amendment to Rule 9 Effective October 1, 2011; the Comment to Amendment to Rule 12 Effective October 1, 2011; the Comment to Amendment to Rule 13 Effective October 1, 2011; the Comment to Amendment to Rule 14 Effective October 1, 2011; the Comment to Amendment to Rule 15 Effective October 1, 2011; the Comment to Amendment to Rule 15.1 Effective October 1, 2011; the Comment to Amendment to Rule 17 Effective October 1, 2011; the Comment to Amendment to Rule 18 Effective October 1, 2011; the Comment to Amendment to Rule 20 Effective October 1, 2011; the Comment to Amendment to Rule 23 Effective October 1, 2011; the Comment to Amendment to Rule 24 Effective October 1, 2011; the Comment to Amendment to Rule 25 Effective October 1, 2011; the Comment to Amendment to Rule 26 Effective October 1, 2011; the Comment to Amendment to Rule 28 Effective October 1, 2011; and the Comment to Amendment to Rule 31 Effective October 1, 2011, is published in that volume of *Alabama Reporter* that contains Alabama cases from ___ So. 3d.

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