TO: All Users of the DCJS Coded Law File

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SUBJECT: Coded Law File Update – Adding Two Variables for Raise the Age Legislation

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<p align="center"><strong style="color:red">REPORTING ALERT:
CODED LAW FILE UPDATE – ADDING TWO VARIABLES FOR RAISE THE AGE LEGISLATION</p>

In April 2017, Governor Cuomo signed into law the "Raise the Age" legislation, which raised the age of adult criminal responsibility in the State of New York from 16 to 18 years old. Among the various components of the law, a new category of offenders, Adolescent Offender (AO), was created. An Adolescent Offender refers to a 16- or 17-year-old that commits a felony level crime.

In order to prepare for the new offender category, DCJS has added two new variables, RTA_FP_Offense and AO_Offense_Indicator, to the Coded Law File. The RTA_FP_Offense codes will be used to reject non-fingerprintable arrests for 16- and 17-year-olds. The AO_Offense_Indicator codes will be used internally by DCJS to identify AO events and cycles in the Computerized Criminal History (CCH). While this information will not be displayed on a rapsheet, DCJS will use the information to help identify AO events for internal processing purposes.

The addition of these two variables may require changes to how your agency processes the Coded Law File, as two new variables will be added to the current file structure. DCJS will include these two Raise the Age variables in the August 2018 release of the Coded Law File. The August 2018 release of the Coded Law File should be used as a template for changes that your agency will want to implement. Changes should not be implemented prior to October 1, 2018.

The following new codes will not go into effect until October 1, 2018 for 16-year-olds and October 1, 2019 for 17-year-olds:

New Variable: AO_Offense_Indicator – Used internally by DCJS
Codes and literals – The information in parentheses is logic and additional explanation.
- **AO – Adolescent Offender** (*This code will be associated with an offense category equal to Felony and a Class other than E.*)
- **NAO – Not an Adolescent Offender** (*This code will be associated with any offense category not equal to Felony.*)
- **AOC – Adolescent Offender if Offense is Completed** (*This code will be associated with all Class E Felonies. Programming logic will need to check Attempt Indicator. If offense was completed, then AO.*)

New Variable: RTA_FP_Offense – Used to reject fingerprint submissions to DCJS
Codes and literals – The information in parentheses is logic and additional explanation.

- **FP – Fingerprintable** (*All Felonies other than Class E where FP Offense = 'T', all VTL Misdemeanors where FP Offense = 'T', all Violations where FP Offense = 'T', and all category 0 where FP Offense = 'T'*)
- **NFP – Not Fingerprintable** (*All Felonies where FP Offense = 'F', all Misdemeanors other than title VTL, all VTL Misdemeanors where FP Offense = 'F', all Violations where FP Offense = 'F', all Infractions, all category 9, and all category 0 where FP Offense = 'F'*)
- **FPC – Fingerprintable if Charge Completed** (*All Class E Felonies where FP Offense = 'T'. Programming logic will need to check Attempt Indicator. If offense was completed, then fingerprintable*)

If you have questions on the upcoming changes to the Coded Law File, please reach out to Adam Dean at (518) 485-7942 or adam.dean@dcjs.ny.gov.