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CONSTITUTIONALLY GUARANTEED

Article I, § 20: In every criminal prosecution, the accused shall . . . have the assistance of counsel for his or her defense.

Sixth Amendment: In all criminal prosecutions, the accused shall . . . have the assistance of counsel for his defense.

YOUTH JUSTICE

- **Elimination of life without parole for those 18 and under**
- **Expansion of MIDC services to young people**
- **Expansion of SADO to include youth adjudication appeals**
- **Task Force on Juvenile Justice Reform recommendations**

EXCESSIVE SENTENCING REFORM

- **Habitual Offender reform**
 - *Gardner fix*
- **Mitigating offense variables**
- **Sentencing Commission**

POST-CONVICTION IMPACTS

- **Excessive costs/fees for families with incarcerated loved ones**
- **Identification documents for people who parole**

SYSTEM REFORM

- **Bail reform**
- **Jury selection reform/eliminate one-person grand juries**
- **Task Force on Forensic Science recommendations**
- **Diversion/restorative justice**
- **Data access**
 - **Justice data reporting and collection system**
 - **Online attorney access to filed documents at no cost**



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