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1 AN ACT concerning criminal law.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:

- Section 5. The Criminal Identification Act is amended by changing Sections 5 and 13 by adding Section 6 as follows:
- 6 (20 ILCS 2630/5) (from Ch. 38, par. 206-5)
- 7 Sec. 5. Arrest reports; expungement.
- 8 (a) All policing bodies of this State shall furnish to the 9 Department, daily, in the form and detail the Department requires, fingerprints and descriptions of all persons who are 10 arrested on charges of violating any penal statute of this 11 State for offenses that are classified as felonies and Class A 12 13 or B misdemeanors and of all minors of the age of 10 and over 14 who have been arrested for an offense which would be a felony if committed by an adult, and may forward such fingerprints and 15 16 descriptions for minors arrested for Class A or B misdemeanors. 17 Moving or nonmoving traffic violations under the Illinois Vehicle Code shall not be reported except for violations of 18 19 Chapter 4, Section 11-204.1, or Section 11-501 of that Code. In addition, conservation offenses, as defined in the Supreme 20 21 Court Rule 501(c), that are classified as Class B misdemeanors 22 shall not be reported.
 - Whenever an adult or minor prosecuted as an adult, not

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having previously been convicted of any criminal offense or municipal ordinance violation, charged with a violation of a municipal ordinance or a felony or misdemeanor, is acquitted or released without being convicted, whether the acquittal or release occurred before, on, or after the effective date of this amendatory Act of 1991, the Chief Judge of the circuit wherein the charge was brought, any judge of that circuit designated by the Chief Judge, or in counties of less than 3,000,000 inhabitants, the presiding trial judge at the defendant's trial may upon verified petition of the defendant order the record of arrest expunded from the official records of the arresting authority and the Department and order that the records of the clerk of the circuit court be sealed until further order of the court upon good cause shown and the name of the defendant obliterated on the official index required to be kept by the circuit court clerk under Section 16 of the Clerks of Courts Act, but the order shall not affect any index issued by the circuit court clerk before the entry of the order. The Department may charge the petitioner a fee equivalent to the cost of processing any order to expunge or seal the records, and the fee shall be deposited into the State Police Services Fund. The records of those arrests, however, that result in a disposition of supervision for any offense shall not be expunged from the records of the arresting authority or the Department nor impounded by the court until 2 years after discharge and dismissal of supervision. Those

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records that result from a supervision for a violation of Section 3-707, 3-708, 3-710, 5-401.3, or 11-503 of the Illinois Vehicle Code or a similar provision of a local ordinance, or for a violation of Section 12-3.2, 12-15 or 16A-3 of the Criminal Code of 1961, or probation under Section 10 of the Cannabis Control Act, Section 410 of the Illinois Controlled Substances Act, Section 70 of the Methamphetamine Control and Community Protection Act, Section 12 4.3(b)(1) and (2) of the Criminal Code of 1961 (as those provisions existed before their deletion by Public Act 89 313), Section 10 102 of the Illinois Alcoholism and Other Drug Dependency Act when the judgment of conviction has been vacated, Section 40-10 of the Alcoholism and Other Drug Abuse and Dependency Act when the judgment of conviction has been vacated, or Section 10 of the Steroid Control Act shall not be expunged from the records of the arresting authority nor impounded by the court until 5 years after termination of probation or supervision. Those records that result from a supervision for a violation of Section 11 501 of the Illinois Vehicle Code or a similar provision of a local ordinance, shall not be expunged. All records set out above may be ordered by the court to be expunded from the records of the arresting authority and impounded by the court after 5 years, but shall not be expunded by the Department, but shall, on court order be sealed by the Department and may be disseminated by the Department only as required by law or to the arresting authority, the State's Attorney, and the court

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upon a later arrest for the same or a similar offense or for the purpose of sentencing for any subsequent felony. Upon conviction for any offense, the Department of Corrections shall have access to all sealed records of the Department pertaining to that individual.

(a 5) Those records maintained by the Department for persons arrested prior to their 17th birthday shall be expunged as provided in Section 5 915 of the Juvenile Court Act of 1987.

(b) Whenever a person has been convicted of a crime or of the violation of a municipal ordinance, in the name of a person whose identity he has stolen or otherwise come into possession of, the aggrieved person from whom the identity was stolen or otherwise obtained without authorization, upon learning of the person having been arrested using his identity, may, upon verified petition to the chief judge of the circuit wherein the arrest was made, have a court order entered nunc pro tune by the chief judge to correct the arrest record, conviction record, if any, and all official records of the arresting authority, the Department, other criminal justice agencies, the prosecutor, and the trial court concerning such arrest, if any, by removing his name from all such records in connection with the arrest and conviction, if any, and by inserting in the records the name of the offender, if known or ascertainable, lieu of the aggrieved's name. The records of the clerk of the circuit court clerk shall be scaled until further order of the court upon good cause shown and the name of the aggrieved

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person obliterated on the official index required to be kept by the circuit court clerk under Section 16 of the Clerks of Courts Act, but the order shall not affect any index issued by the circuit court clerk before the entry of the order. Nothing in this Section shall limit the Department of State Police or other criminal justice agencies or prosecutors from listing under an offender's name the false names he or she has used. For purposes of this Section, convictions for moving and nonmoving traffic violations other than convictions for violations of Chapter 4, Section 11 204.1 or Section 11 501 of the Illinois Vehicle Code shall not be a bar to expunging the record of arrest and court records for violation of a misdemeanor or municipal ordinance.

(c) Whenever a person who has been convicted of an offense is granted a pardon by the Governor which specifically authorizes expungement, he may, upon verified petition to the chief judge of the circuit where the person had been convicted, any judge of the circuit designated by the Chief Judge, or in counties of less than 3,000,000 inhabitants, the presiding trial judge at the defendant's trial, may have a court order entered expunging the record of arrest from the official records of the arresting authority and order that the records of the clerk of the circuit court and the Department be sealed until further order of the court upon good cause shown or as otherwise provided herein, and the name of the defendant obliterated from the official index requested to be kept by the

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circuit court clerk under Section 16 of the Clerks of Courts Act in connection with the arrest and conviction for the offense for which he had been pardoned but the order shall not affect any index issued by the circuit court clerk before the entry of the order. All records sealed by the Department may be disseminated by the Department only as required by law or to the arresting authority, the State's Attorney, and the court upon a later arrest for the same or similar offense or for purpose of sentencing for any subsequent felony. Upon conviction for any subsequent offense, the Department of Corrections shall have access to all sealed records of the Department pertaining to that individual. Upon entry of the order of expungement, the clerk of the circuit court shall promptly mail a copy of the order to the person who was pardoned.

(c 5) Whenever a person has been convicted of criminal sexual assault, aggravated criminal sexual assault, predatory criminal sexual assault of a child, criminal sexual abuse, aggravated criminal sexual abuse, the victim of that offense may request that the State's Attorney of the county in which the conviction occurred file a verified petition with the presiding trial judge at the defendant's trial to have a court order entered to seal the records of the clerk of the circuit court in connection with the proceedings of the trial court concerning that offense. However, the records of the arresting authority and the Department of State Police concerning the

offense shall not be sealed. The court, upon good cause shown, shall make the records of the clerk of the circuit court in connection with the proceedings of the trial court concerning the offense available for public inspection.

(c 6) If a conviction has been set aside on direct review or on collateral attack and the court determines by clear and convincing evidence that the defendant was factually innocent of the charge, the court shall enter an expungement order as provided in subsection (b) of Section 5 5 4 of the Unified Code of Corrections.

(d) Notice of the petition for subsections (a), (b), and (e) shall be served upon the State's Attorney or prosecutor charged with the duty of prosecuting the offense, the Department of State Police, the arresting agency and the chief legal officer of the unit of local government affecting the arrest. Unless the State's Attorney or prosecutor, the Department of State Police, the arresting agency or such chief legal officer objects to the petition within 30 days from the date of the notice, the court shall enter an order granting or denying the petition. The clerk of the court shall promptly mail a copy of the order to the person, the arresting agency, the prosecutor, the Department of State Police and such other criminal justice agencies as may be ordered by the judge.

(e) Nothing herein shall prevent the Department of State

Police from maintaining all records of any person who is

admitted to probation upon terms and conditions and who

fulfills those terms and conditions pursuant to Section 10 of the Cannabis Control Act, Section 410 of the Illinois Controlled Substances Act, Section 70 of the Methamphetamine Control and Community Protection Act, Section 12-4.3 of the Criminal Code of 1961, Section 10 102 of the Illinois Alcoholism and Other Drug Dependency Act, Section 40 10 of the Alcoholism and Other Drug Abuse and Dependency Act, or Section 10 of the Steroid Control Act.

(f) No court order issued under the expungement provisions of this Section shall become final for purposes of appeal until 30 days after notice is received by the Department. Any court order contrary to the provisions of this Section is void.

(g) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (c-5) of this Section, the court shall not order the sealing or expungement of the arrest records and records of the circuit court clerk of any person granted supervision for or convicted of any sexual offense committed against a minor under 18 years of age. For the purposes of this Section, "sexual offense committed against a minor" includes but is not limited to the offenses of indecent solicitation of a child or criminal sexual abuse when the victim of such offense is under 18 years of age.

(h) (1) Applicability. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act to the contrary and cumulative with any rights to expungement of criminal records, this subsection authorizes the sealing of criminal records of adults and of minors prosecuted as adults.

| 1 | (2) Sealable offenses. The following offenses may be |
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| 2 | sealed: |
| 3 | (A) All municipal ordinance violations and |
| 4 | misdemeanors, with the exception of the following: |
| 5 | (i) violations of Section 11 501 of the Illinois |
| 6 | Vehicle Code or a similar provision of a local |
| 7 | ordinance; |
| 8 | (ii) violations of Article 11 of the Criminal Code |
| 9 | of 1961 or a similar provision of a local ordinance, |
| 10 | except Section 11 14 of the Criminal Code of 1961 as |
| 11 | provided in clause B(i) of this subsection (h); |
| 12 | (iii) violations of Section 12-15, 12-30, or 26-5 |
| 13 | of the Criminal Code of 1961 or a similar provision of |
| 14 | a local ordinance; |
| 15 | (iv) violations that are a crime of violence as |
| 16 | defined in Section 2 of the Crime Victims Compensation |
| 17 | Act or a similar provision of a local ordinance; |
| 18 | (v) Class A misdemeanor violations of the Humane |
| 19 | Care for Animals Act; and |
| 20 | (vi) any offense or attempted offense that would |
| 21 | subject a person to registration under the Sex Offender |
| 22 | Registration Act. |
| 23 | (B) Misdemeanor and Class 4 felony violations of: |
| 24 | (i) Section 11-14 of the Criminal Code of 1961; |
| 25 | (ii) Section 4 of the Cannabis Control Act; |
| 26 | (iii) Section 402 of the Illinois Controlled |

| 1 | Substances Act; and |
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| 2 | (iv) Section 60 of the Methamphetamine Control and |
| 3 | Community Protection Act. |
| 4 | However, for purposes of this subsection (h), a |
| 5 | sentence of first offender probation under Section 10 of |
| 6 | the Cannabis Control Act, Section 410 of the Illinois |
| 7 | Controlled Substances Act, or Section 70 of the |
| 8 | Methamphetamine Control and Community Protection Act shall |
| 9 | be treated as a Class 4 felony conviction. |
| 10 | (3) Requirements for sealing. Records identified as |
| 11 | sealable under clause (h) (2) may be sealed when the individual |
| 12 | was: |
| 13 | (A) Acquitted of the offense or offenses or released |
| 14 | without being convicted. |
| 15 | (B) Convicted of the offense or offenses and the |
| 16 | conviction or convictions were reversed. |
| 17 | (C) Placed on misdemeanor supervision for an offense or |
| 18 | offenses; and |
| 19 | (i) at least 3 years have elapsed since the |
| 20 | completion of the term of supervision, or terms of |
| 21 | supervision, if more than one term has been ordered; |
| 22 | and |
| 23 | (ii) the individual has not been convicted of a |
| 24 | felony or misdemeanor or placed on supervision for a |
| 25 | misdemeanor or felony during the period specified in |
| 26 | clause (i). |

| 1 | (D) Convicted of an offense or offenses; and |
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| 2 | (i) at least 4 years have elapsed since the last |
| 3 | such conviction or term of any sentence, probation, |
| 4 | parole, or supervision, if any, whichever is last in |
| 5 | time; and |
| 6 | (ii) the individual has not been convicted of a |
| 7 | felony or misdemeanor or placed on supervision for a |
| 8 | misdemeanor or felony during the period specified in |
| 9 | clause (i). |
| 10 | (4) Requirements for sealing of records when more than one |
| 11 | charge and disposition have been filed. When multiple offenses |
| 12 | are petitioned to be sealed under this subsection (h), the |
| 13 | requirements of the relevant provisions of clauses (h) (3) (A) |
| 14 | through (D) each apply. In instances in which more than one |
| 15 | waiting period is applicable under clauses (h)(C)(i) and (ii) |
| 16 | and (h)(D)(i) and (ii), the longer applicable period applies, |
| 17 | and the requirements of clause (h) (3) shall be considered met |
| 18 | when the petition is filed after the passage of the longer |
| 19 | applicable waiting period. That period commences on the date of |
| 20 | the completion of the last sentence or the end of supervision, |
| 21 | probation, or parole, whichever is last in time. |
| 22 | (5) Subsequent convictions. A person may not have |
| 23 | subsequent felony conviction records sealed as provided in this |
| 24 | subsection (h) if he or she is convicted of any felony offense |
| 25 | after the date of the sealing of prior felony records as |

(6) Notice of eligibility for sealing. Upon acquittal, release without conviction, or being placed on supervision for a sealable offense, or upon conviction of a sealable offense, the person shall be informed by the court of the right to have the records sealed and the procedures for the sealing of the records.

(7) Procedure. Upon becoming eligible for the sealing of records under this subsection (h), the person who seeks the sealing of his or her records shall file a petition requesting the sealing of records with the clerk of the court where the charge or charges were brought. The records may be sealed by the Chief Judge of the circuit wherein the charge was brought, any judge of that circuit designated by the Chief Judge, or in counties of less than 3,000,000 inhabitants, the presiding trial judge at the defendant's trial, if any. If charges were brought in multiple jurisdictions, a petition must be filed in each such jurisdiction. The petitioner shall pay the applicable fee, if not waived.

(A) Contents of petition. The petition shall contain the petitioner's name, date of birth, current address, each charge, each case number, the date of each charge, the identity of the arresting authority, and such other information as the court may require. During the pendency of the proceeding, the petitioner shall promptly notify the elerk of the court of any change of address.

(B) Drug test. A person filing a petition to have his

or her records sealed for a Class 4 felony violation of Section 4 of the Cannabis Control Act or for a Class 4 felony violation of Section 402 of the Illinois Controlled Substances Act must attach to the petition proof that the petitioner has passed a test taken within the previous 30 days before the filing of the petition showing the absence within his or her body of all illegal substances in violation of either the Illinois Controlled Substances Act or the Cannabis Control Act.

(C) Service of petition. The clerk shall promptly serve a copy of the petition on the State's Attorney or prosecutor charged with the duty of prosecuting the offense, the Department of State Police, the arresting agency and the chief legal officer of the unit of local government effecting the arrest.

(D) Entry of order. Unless the State's Attorney or prosecutor, the Department of State Police, the arresting agency or such chief legal officer objects to sealing of the records within 90 days of notice the court shall enter an order sealing the defendant's records.

(E) Hearing upon objection. If an objection is filed, the court shall set a date for a hearing and notify the petitioner and the parties on whom the petition had been served, and shall hear evidence on whether the sealing of the records should or should not be granted, and shall make a determination on whether to issue an order to seal the

records based on the evidence presented at the hearing.

(F) Service of order. After entering the order to seal records, the court must provide copies of the order to the Department, in a form and manner prescribed by the Department, to the petitioner, to the State's Attorney or prosecutor charged with the duty of prosecuting the offense, to the arresting agency, to the chief legal officer of the unit of local government effecting the arrest, and to such other criminal justice agencies as may be ordered by the court.

(8) Fees. Notwithstanding any provision of the Clerk of the Courts Act to the contrary, and subject to the approval of the county board, the clerk may charge a fee equivalent to the cost associated with the sealing of records by the clerk and the Department of State Police. The clerk shall forward the Department of State Police portion of the fee to the Department and it shall be deposited into the State Police Services Fund.

(i) Subject to available funding, the Illinois Department of Corrections shall conduct a study of the impact of sealing, especially on employment and recidivism rates, utilizing a random sample of those who apply for the sealing of their criminal records under Public Act 93-211, in accordance to rules adopted by the Department. At the request of the Illinois Department of Corrections, records of the Illinois Department of Employment Security shall be utilized as appropriate to assist in the study. The study shall not disclose any data in a

| 1 | manner that would allow the identification of any particular |
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| 2 | individual or employing unit. The study shall be made available |
| 3 | to the General Assembly no later than September 1, 2006. |
| 4 | (Source: P.A. 93-210, eff. 7-18-03; 93-211, eff. 1-1-04; |
| 5 | 93-1084, eff. 6-1-05; 94-556, eff. 9-11-05.) |
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| 6 | (20 ILCS 2630/6 new) |
| 7 | Sec. 6. Expungement and sealing. |
| 8 | (a) General Provisions. |
| 9 | (1) Definitions. In this Act, words and phrases have |
| 10 | the meanings set forth in this subsection, except when a |
| 11 | particular context clearly requires a different meaning. |
| 12 | (A) The following terms shall have the meanings |
| 13 | ascribed to them in the Unified Code of Corrections, |
| 14 | 730 ILCS 5/5-1-2 thru 5/5-1-22: |
| 15 | (i) Business Offense (730 ILCS 5/5-1-2), |
| 16 | (ii) Charge (730 ILCS 5/5-1-3), |
| 17 | (iii) Court (730 ILCS 5/5-1-6), |
| 18 | (iv) Defendant (730 ILCS 5/5-1-7), |
| 19 | (v) Felony (730 ILCS 5/5-1-9), |
| 20 | (vi) Imprisonment (730 ILCS 5/5-1-10), |
| 21 | (vii) Judgment (730 ILCS 5/5-1-12), |
| 22 | (viii) Misdemeanor (730 ILCS 5/5-1-14), |
| 23 | (ix) Offense (730 ILCS 5/5-1-15), |
| 24 | (x) Parole (730 ILCS 5/5-1-16), |
| 25 | (xi) Petty Offense (730 ILCS 5/5-1-17), |

| 1 | (xii) Probation (730 ILCS 5/5-1-18), |
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| 2 | (xiii) Sentence (730 ILCS 5/5-1-19), |
| 3 | (xiv) Supervision (730 ILCS $5/5-1-21$), and |
| 4 | (xv) Victim (730 ILCS 5/5-1-22). |
| 5 | (B) As used in this Section, "charge not initiated |
| 6 | by arrest" means a charge (as defined by 730 ILCS |
| 7 | 5/5-1-3) brought against a defendant where the |
| 8 | defendant is not arrested prior to or as a direct |
| 9 | result of the charge. |
| 10 | (C) "Conviction" means a judgment of conviction or |
| 11 | sentence entered upon a plea of guilty or upon a |
| 12 | verdict or finding of guilty of an offense, rendered by |
| 13 | a legally constituted jury or by a court of competent |
| 14 | jurisdiction authorized to try the case without a jury. |
| 15 | An order of supervision successfully completed by the |
| 16 | petitioner is not a conviction. An order of qualified |
| 17 | probation (as defined in subsection (a)(1)(J)) |
| 18 | successfully completed by the petitioner is not a |
| 19 | conviction. An order of supervision or an order of |
| 20 | qualified probation that is terminated |
| 21 | unsatisfactorily is a conviction, unless the |
| 22 | unsatisfactory termination is reversed, vacated, or |
| 23 | modified and the judgment of conviction, if any, is |
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| 25 | (D) "Criminal offense" means a petty offense, |
| 26 | business offense, misdemeanor, felony, or municipal |

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ordinance violation (as defined in (a)(1)(H)). As used in this Section, a minor traffic offense (as defined in subsection (a)(1)(G)) shall not be considered a criminal offense.

(E) "Expunge" means to physically destroy the records or return them to the petitioner and to obliterate the petitioner's name from any official index or public record, or both. Nothing in this Act shall require the physical destruction of the Circuit Court file, but such records relating to arrests or charges, or both, ordered expunged shall be impounded as required by subsections (d)(9)(A)(ii) and (d)(9)(B)(ii).

(F) As used in this Section, "last sentence" means the sentence, order of supervision, or order of qualified probation (as defined by subsection (a)(1)(J)), for a criminal offense (as defined by (a) (1) (D)) that terminates last in time in any jurisdiction, regardless of whether the petitioner has included the criminal offense for which the sentence or order of supervision or qualified probation was imposed in his or her petition or petitions. If multiple sentences, orders of supervision, or orders of qualified probation terminate on the same day and are last in time, they shall be collectively considered the "last sentence" regardless of whether they were

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- (G) "Minor traffic offense" means a petty offense, business offense, or Class C misdemeanor under the Illinois Vehicle Code or a similar provision of a municipal or local ordinance.
- "Municipal ordinance violation" means an (H) offense defined by a municipal or local ordinance that is criminal in nature and with which the petitioner was charged or for which the petitioner was arrested and released without charging.
- "Petitioner" means an adult or a minor (I)prosecuted as an adult who has applied for relief under this Section.
- (J) "Qualified probation" means an order of probation under Section 10 of the Cannabis Control Act, Section 410 of the Illinois Controlled Substances Act, Section 70 of the Methamphetamine Control and Community Protection Act, Section 12-4.3(b) (1) and (2) of the Criminal Code of 1961 (as those provisions existed before their deletion by Public Act 89-313), Section 10-102 of the Illinois Alcoholism and Other Drug Dependency Act, Section 40-10 of the Alcoholism and Other Drug Abuse and Dependency Act, or Section 10 of the Steroid Control Act. For the purpose of this Section, "successful completion" of an order of qualified probation under Section 10-102 of the

| 1 | Illinois Alcoholism and Other Drug Dependency Act and |
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| 2 | Section 40-10 of the Alcoholism and Other Drug Abuse |
| 3 | and Dependency Act means that the probation was |
| 4 | terminated satisfactorily and the judgment of |
| 5 | conviction was vacated. |
| 6 | (K) "Seal" means to physically and electronically |
| 7 | maintain the records, unless the records would |
| 8 | otherwise be destroyed due to age, but to make the |
| 9 | records unavailable without a court order, subject to |
| 10 | the exceptions in Sections 12 and 13 of this Act. The |
| 11 | petitioner's name shall also be obliterated from the |
| 12 | official index required to be kept by the circuit court |
| 13 | clerk under Section 16 of the Clerks of Courts Act, but |
| 14 | any index issued by the circuit court clerk before the |
| 15 | entry of the order to seal shall not be affected. |
| 16 | (L) "Sexual offense committed against a minor" |
| 17 | includes but is not limited to the offenses of indecent |
| 18 | solicitation of a child or criminal sexual abuse when |
| 19 | the victim of such offense is under 18 years of age. |
| 20 | (M) "Terminate" as it relates to a sentence or |
| 21 | order of supervision or qualified probation includes |
| 22 | either satisfactory or unsatisfactory termination of |
| 23 | the sentence, unless otherwise specified in this |
| 24 | Section. |
| 25 | (2) Minor Traffic Offenses. Orders of supervision or |

convictions for minor traffic offenses shall not affect a

| 1 | petitioner's eligibility to expunge or seal records |
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| 2 | pursuant to this Section. |
| 3 | (3) Exclusions. Except as otherwise provided in |
| 4 | subsections (b)(5), (b)(6), and subsection (e) of this |
| 5 | Section, the court shall not order: |
| 6 | (A) the sealing or expungement of the records |
| 7 | of arrests or charges not initiated by arrest that |
| 8 | result in an order of supervision for or conviction of: |
| 9 | (i) any sexual offense committed against a minor; (ii) |
| 10 | Section 11-501 of the Illinois Vehicle Code or a |
| 11 | similar provision of a local ordinance; or (iii) |
| 12 | Section 11-503 of the Illinois Vehicle Code or a |
| 13 | similar provision of a local ordinance. |
| 14 | (B) the sealing or expungement of records of minor |
| 15 | traffic offenses (as defined in subsection (a)(1)(G)), |
| 16 | unless the petitioner was arrested and released |
| 17 | without charging. |
| 18 | (C) the sealing of the records of arrests or |
| 19 | charges not initiated by arrest which result in an |
| 20 | order of supervision, an order of qualified probation |
| 21 | (as defined in subsection (a)(1)(J)), or a conviction |
| 22 | for the following offenses: |
| 23 | (i) offenses included in Article 11 of the |
| 24 | Criminal Code of 1961 or a similar provision of a |
| 25 | local ordinance, except Section 11-14 of the |
| 26 | Criminal Code of 1961 or a similar provision of a |

| 1 | <pre>local ordinance;</pre> |
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| 2 | (ii) Section 12-15, 12-30, or 26-5 of the |
| 3 | Criminal Code of 1961 or a similar provision of a |
| 4 | <pre>local ordinance;</pre> |
| 5 | (iii) offenses defined as "crimes of violence" |
| 6 | in Section 2 of the Crime Victims Compensation Act |
| 7 | or a similar provision of a local ordinance; |
| 8 | (iv) offenses which are Class A misdemeanors |
| 9 | under the Humane Care for Animals Act; or |
| 10 | (v) any offense or attempted offense that |
| 11 | would subject a person to registration under the |
| 12 | Sex Offender Registration Act. |
| 13 | (D) the sealing of the records of an arrest which |
| 14 | results in the petitioner being charged with a felony |
| 15 | offense or records of a charge not initiated by arrest |
| 16 | for a felony offense, regardless of the disposition, |
| 17 | unless: |
| 18 | (i) the charge is amended to a misdemeanor and |
| 19 | is otherwise eligible to be sealed pursuant to |
| 20 | <pre>subsection (c);</pre> |
| 21 | (ii) the charge results in first offender |
| 22 | probation as set forth in subsection (c)(2)(E); or |
| 23 | (iii) the charge is for a Class 4 felony |
| 24 | offense listed in subsection (c)(2)(F) or the |
| 25 | charge is amended to a Class 4 felony offense |
| 26 | listed in subsection (c)(2)(F). Records of arrests |

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| subsection (c)(2)(F), and records of charges |
| amended to a Class 4 felony offense listed in |
| (c)(2)(F) may be sealed, regardless of the |
| disposition, subject to any waiting periods set |
| forth in subsection (c) (3). |
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(b) Expungement.

- (1) A petitioner may petition the circuit court to expunge the records of his or her arrests and charges not initiated by arrest when:
 - (A) He or she has never been convicted of a criminal offense; and
 - (B) Each arrest or charge not initiated by arrest sought to be expunded resulted in: (i) acquittal, dismissal, or the petitioner's release without charging, unless excluded by subsection (a)(3)(B); (ii) a conviction which was vacated or reversed, unless excluded by subsection (a)(3)(B); (iii) an order of supervision and such supervision was successfully completed by the petitioner, unless excluded by subsection (a) (3) (A) or (a) (3) (B); or (iv) an order of qualified probation (as defined in subsection (a)(1)(J)) and such probation was successfully

| 1 | completed by the petitioner. |
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| 2 | (2) Time frame for filing a petition to expunge. |
| 3 | (A) When the arrest or charge not initiated by |
| 4 | arrest sought to be expunded resulted in an acquittal, |
| 5 | dismissal, the petitioner's release without charging, |
| 6 | or the reversal or vacation of a conviction, there is |
| 7 | no waiting period to petition for the expungement of |
| 8 | such records. |
| 9 | (B) When the arrest or charge not initiated by |
| 10 | arrest sought to be expunded resulted in an order of |
| 11 | supervision, successfully completed by the petitioner, |
| 12 | the following time frames will apply: |
| 13 | (i) Those arrests or charges that resulted in |
| 14 | orders of supervision under Section 3-707, 3-708, |
| 15 | 3-710, 5-401.3, or 11-503 of the Illinois Vehicle |
| 16 | Code or a similar provision of a local ordinance, |
| 17 | or under Section 12-3.2, 12-15 or 16A-3 of the |
| 18 | Criminal Code of 1961, shall not be eligible for |
| 19 | expungement until 5 years have passed following |
| 20 | the satisfactory termination of the supervision. |
| 21 | (ii) Those arrests or charges that resulted in |
| 22 | orders of supervision for any other offenses shall |
| 23 | not be eligible for expungement until 2 years have |
| 24 | passed following the satisfactory termination of |
| 25 | the supervision. |
| 26 | (C) When the arrest or charge not initiated by |

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arrest sought to be expunded resulted in an order of qualified probation, successfully completed by the petitioner, such records shall not be eligible for expundement until 5 years have passed following the satisfactory termination of the probation.

- (3) Those records maintained by the Department for persons arrested prior to their 17th birthday shall be expunged as provided in Section 5-915 of the Juvenile Court Act of 1987.
- (4) Whenever a person has been arrested for or convicted of any offense, in the name of a person whose identity he has stolen or otherwise come into possession of, the aggrieved person from whom the identity was stolen or otherwise obtained without authorization, upon learning of the person having been arrested using his identity, may, upon verified petition to the chief judge of the circuit wherein the arrest was made, have a court order entered nunc pro tunc by the chief judge to correct the arrest record, conviction record, if any, and all official records of the arresting authority, the Department, other criminal justice agencies, the prosecutor, and the trial court concerning such arrest, if any, by removing his name from all such records in connection with the arrest and conviction, if any, and by inserting in the records the name of the offender, if known or ascertainable, in lieu of the aggrieved's name. The records of the clerk of the

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circuit court clerk shall be sealed until further order of the court upon good cause shown and the name of the aggrieved person obliterated on the official index required to be kept by the circuit court clerk under Section 16 of the Clerks of Courts Act, but the order shall not affect any index issued by the circuit court clerk before the entry of the order. Nothing in this Section shall limit the Department of State Police or other criminal justice agencies or prosecutors from listing under an offender's name the false names he or she has used.

(5) Whenever a person has been convicted of criminal sexual assault, aggravated criminal sexual assault, predatory criminal sexual assault of a child, criminal sexual abuse, or aggravated criminal sexual abuse, the victim of that offense may request that the State's Attorney of the county in which the conviction occurred file a verified petition with the presiding trial judge at the petitioner's trial to have a court order entered to seal the records of the clerk of the circuit court in connection with the proceedings of the trial court concerning that offense. However, the records of the arresting authority and the Department of State Police concerning the offense shall not be sealed. The court, upon good cause shown, shall make the records of the clerk of the circuit court in connection with the proceedings of the

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- (6) If a conviction has been set aside on direct review or on collateral attack and the court determines by clear and convincing evidence that the petitioner was factually innocent of the charge, the court shall enter an expungement order as provided in subsection (b) of Section 5-5-4 of the Unified Code of Corrections.
- (7) Nothing herein shall prevent the Department of State Police from maintaining all records of any person who is admitted to probation upon terms and conditions and who fulfills those terms and conditions pursuant to Section 10 of the Cannabis Control Act, Section 410 of the Illinois Controlled Substances Act, Section 70 of the Methamphetamine Control and Community Protection Act, Section 12-4.3 of the Criminal Code of 1961, Section 10-102 of the Illinois Alcoholism and Other Drug Dependency Act, Section 40-10 of the <u>Alcoholism and Other Drug Abuse and</u> Dependency Act, or Section 10 of the Steroid Control Act. (c) Sealing.
- (1) Applicability. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act to the contrary, and cumulative with any rights to expungement of criminal records, this subsection authorizes the sealing of criminal records of adults and of minors prosecuted as adults.
 - (2) Eligible Records. The following records may be

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| 1 | <pre>sealed:</pre> |
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| 2 | (A) All arrests resulting in release without |
| 3 | <pre>charging;</pre> |
| 4 | (B) Arrests or charges not initiated by arrest |
| 5 | resulting in acquittal, dismissal, or conviction when |
| 6 | the conviction was reversed or vacated, except as |
| 7 | excluded by subsection (a)(3)(B) or (a)(3)(D); |
| 8 | (C) Arrests or charges not initiated by arrest |
| 9 | resulting in orders of supervision successfully |
| 10 | completed by the petitioner, unless excluded by |
| 11 | <pre>subsection (a) (3);</pre> |
| 12 | (D) Arrests or charges not initiated by arrest |
| 13 | resulting in convictions unless excluded by subsection |
| 14 | <u>(a) (3);</u> |
| 15 | (E) Arrests or charges not initiated by arrest |
| 16 | resulting in orders of first offender probation under |
| 17 | Section 10 of the Cannabis Control Act, Section 410 of |
| 18 | the Illinois Controlled Substances Act, or Section 70 |
| 19 | of the Methamphetamine Control and Community |
| 20 | Protection Act; and |
| 21 | (F) Arrests or charges not initiated by arrest |
| 22 | resulting in Class 4 felony convictions for the |
| 23 | <pre>following offenses:</pre> |
| 24 | (i) Section 11-14 of the Criminal Code of 1961; |
| 25 | (ii) Section 4 of the Cannabis Control Act; |
| 26 | (iii) Section 402 of the Illinois Controlled |

| 1 | <u>Substances Act;</u> |
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| 2 | (iv) the Methamphetamine Precursor Control |
| 3 | Act; and |
| 4 | (v) the Steroid Control Act. |
| 5 | (3) When Records Are Eligible to Be Sealed. Records |
| 6 | identified as eligible under subsection (c)(2) may be |
| 7 | <pre>sealed as follows:</pre> |
| 8 | (A) Records identified as eligible under |
| 9 | subsection (c)(2)(A) and (c)(2)(B) may be sealed at any |
| 10 | <pre>time.</pre> |
| 11 | (B) Records identified as eligible under |
| 12 | subsection (c)(2)(C) may be sealed (i) 3 years after |
| 13 | the termination of petitioner's last sentence (as |
| 14 | defined in subsection (a)(1)(F)) if the petitioner has |
| 15 | never been convicted of a criminal offense (as defined |
| 16 | in subsection (a)(1)(D)); or (ii) 4 years after the |
| 17 | termination of the petitioner's last sentence (as |
| 18 | defined in subsection (a)(1)(F)) if the petitioner has |
| 19 | ever been convicted of a criminal offense (as defined |
| 20 | in subsection (a)(1)(D)). |
| 21 | (C) Records identified as eligible under |
| 22 | subsections (c)(2)(D), (c)(2)(E), and (c)(2)(F) may be |
| 23 | sealed 4 years after the termination of the |
| 24 | petitioner's last sentence (as defined in subsection |
| 25 | (a) (1) (F)). |
| 26 | (4) Subsequent felony convictions. A person may not |

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| have subsequent felony conviction records sealed as |
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| provided in this subsection (c) if he or she is convicted |
| of any felony offense after the date of the sealing of |
| prior felony convictions as provided in this subsection |
| (c). The court may, upon conviction for a subsequent felony |
| offense, order the unsealing of prior felony conviction |
| records previously ordered sealed by the court. |

- (5) Notice of eligibility for sealing. Upon entry of a disposition for an eliqible record under this subsection (c), the petitioner shall be informed by the court of the right to have the records sealed and the procedures for the sealing of the records.
- (d) Procedure. The following procedures apply expungement under subsections (b) and (e), and sealing under subsection (c):
 - (1) Filing the petition. Upon becoming eligible to petition for the expungement or sealing of records under this Section, the petitioner shall file a petition requesting the expungement or sealing of records with the clerk of the court where the arrests occurred or the charges were brought, or both. If arrests occurred or charges were brought in multiple jurisdictions, a petition must be filed in each such jurisdiction. The petitioner shall pay the applicable fee, if not waived.
 - (2) Contents of petition. The petition shall be verified and shall contain the petitioner's name, date of

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birth, current address and, for each arrest or charge not initiated by arrest sought to be sealed or expunged, the case number, the date of arrest (if any), the identity of the arresting authority, and such other information as the court may require. During the pendency of the proceeding, the petitioner shall promptly notify the clerk of the court of any change of his or her address.

- (3) Drug test. The petitioner must attach to the petition proof that the petitioner has passed a test taken within 30 days before the filing of the petition showing the absence within his or her body of all illegal substances as defined by the Illinois Controlled Substances Act, the Methamphetamine Control and Community Protection Act, and the Cannabis Control Act if he or she is petitioning to seal felony records pursuant to clause (c) (2) (E) or (c) (2) (F) (ii) - (v) or if he or she is petitioning to expunge felony records of a qualified probation pursuant to clause (b) (1) (B) (iv).
- (4) Service of petition. The clerk of the court shall promptly serve a copy of the petition on the State's Attorney or prosecutor charged with the duty of prosecuting the offense, the Department of State Police, the arresting agency and the chief legal officer of the unit of local government effecting the arrest.
 - (5) Objections.
 - (A) Any party entitled to notice of the petition

| 1 | may file an objection to the petition. All objections |
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| 2 | shall be in writing, shall be filed with the Clerk of |
| 3 | Court, and shall state with specificity the basis of |
| 4 | the objection. |
| 5 | (B) Objections to petitions to expunge or seal must |
| 6 | be filed within 60 days of the date of service of the |
| 7 | <pre>petition(s).</pre> |
| 8 | (6) Entry of order. |
| 9 | (A) The Chief Judge of the circuit wherein the |
| 10 | charge was brought, any judge of that circuit |
| 11 | designated by the Chief Judge, or in counties of less |
| 12 | than 3,000,000 inhabitants, the presiding trial judge |
| 13 | at the petitioner's trial, if any, shall rule on the |
| 14 | petition(s) to expunge or seal as set forth in this |
| 15 | subsection (d)(6). |
| 16 | (B) Unless the State's Attorney or prosecutor, the |
| 17 | Department of State Police, the arresting agency, or |
| 18 | the chief legal officer files an objection to the |
| 19 | petition(s) to expunge or seal within 60 days from the |
| 20 | date of service of the petition(s), the court shall |
| 21 | enter an order granting or denying the petition(s). |
| 22 | (7) Hearings. If an objection is filed, the court shall |
| 23 | set a date for a hearing and notify the petitioner and all |
| 24 | parties entitled to notice of the petition of the hearing |
| 25 | date at least 30 days prior to the hearing, and shall hear |

evidence on whether the petition(s) should or should not be

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| 1 | granted, and shall grant or deny the petition(s) to expunge |
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| 2 | or seal the records based on the evidence presented at the |
| 3 | hearing. |
| 4 | (8) Service of order. After entering an order to |
| 5 | expunge or seal records, the court must provide copies of |
| 6 | the order to the Department, in a form and manner |
| 7 | prescribed by the Department, to the petitioner, to the |
| 8 | State's Attorney or prosecutor charged with the duty of |
| 9 | prosecuting the offense, to the arresting agency, to the |
| 10 | chief legal officer of the unit of local government |
| 11 | effecting the arrest, and to such other criminal justice |
| 12 | agencies as may be ordered by the court. |
| 13 | (9) Effect of order. |
| 14 | (A) Upon entry of an order to expunge records |
| 15 | pursuant to (b)(2)(A) or (b)(2)(B)(ii), or both, |
| 16 | (i) the records shall be expunded (as defined |
| 17 | in subsection (a)(1)(E)) by the arresting agency, |
| 18 | the Department, and any other agency as ordered by |
| 19 | the court; and |
| 20 | (ii) the records of the clerk of the circuit |
| 21 | court shall be impounded until further order of the |
| 22 | court upon good cause shown and the name of the |
| 23 | petitioner obliterated on the official index |
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under Section 16 of the Clerks of Courts Act, but

the order shall not affect any index issued by the

| 1 | circuit court clerk before the entry of the order. |
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| 2 | (iii) In response to an inquiry for expunged |
| 3 | records, the court, the Department, or the agency |
| 4 | receiving such inquiry shall reply as it does in |
| 5 | response to inquiries when no records ever |
| 6 | existed. |
| 7 | (B) Upon entry of an order to expunge records |
| 8 | pursuant to (b) (2) (B) (i) or (b) (2) (C), or both, |
| 9 | (i) the records shall be expunded (as defined |
| 10 | in subsection (a)(1)(E)) by the arresting agency |
| 11 | and any other agency as ordered by the court; |
| 12 | (ii) the records of the clerk of the circuit |
| 13 | court shall be impounded until further order of the |
| 14 | court upon good cause shown and the name of the |
| 15 | petitioner obliterated on the official index |
| 16 | required to be kept by the circuit court clerk |
| 17 | under Section 16 of the Clerks of Courts Act, but |
| 18 | the order shall not affect any index issued by the |
| 19 | circuit court clerk before the entry of the order; |
| 20 | and |
| 21 | (iii) the records shall be impounded by the |
| 22 | Department. |
| 23 | (iv) Records impounded by the Department may |
| 24 | be disseminated by the Department only to the |
| 25 | arresting authority, the State's Attorney, and the |
| 26 | court upon a later arrest for the same or a similar |

| 1 | offense or for the purpose of sentencing for any |
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| 2 | subsequent felony, and to the Department of |
| 3 | Corrections upon conviction for any offense. |
| 4 | (v) In response to an inquiry for such records |
| 5 | from anyone not authorized by law to access such |
| 6 | records the court, the Department, or the agency |
| 7 | receiving such inquiry shall reply as it does in |
| 8 | response to inquiries when no records ever |
| 9 | existed. |
| 10 | (C) Upon entry of an order to seal records under |
| 11 | subsection (c), the arresting agency, any other agency |
| 12 | as ordered by the court, the Department, and the court |
| 13 | shall seal the records (as defined in subsection |
| 14 | (a)(1)(K)). In response to an inquiry for such records |
| 15 | from anyone not authorized by law to access such |
| 16 | records the court, the Department, or the agency |
| 17 | receiving such inquiry shall reply as it does in |
| 18 | response to inquiries when no records ever existed. |
| 19 | (10) Fees. The Department may charge the petitioner a |
| 20 | fee equivalent to the cost of processing any order to |
| 21 | expunge or seal records. Notwithstanding any provision of |
| 22 | the Clerks of Courts Act to the contrary, the clerk may |
| 23 | charge a fee equivalent to the cost associated with the |
| 24 | sealing or expungement of records by the clerk. From the |
| 25 | total filing fee collected for the petition to seal or |
| 26 | expunge, the clerk shall deposit \$10 into the Circuit Court |

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Clerk Operation and Administrative Fund, to be used to offset the costs incurred by the Circuit Court Clerk in performing the additional duties required to serve the petition to seal or expunge on all parties. The clerk shall collect and forward the Department of State Police portion of the fee to the Department and it shall be deposited in the State Police Services Fund.

- (11) Final Order. No court order issued under the expungement or sealing provisions of this Section shall become final for purposes of appeal until 30 days after service of the order on the petitioner and all parties entitled to notice of the petition.
- (12) Motion to Vacate, Modify, or Reconsider. The petitioner or any party entitled to notice may file a motion to vacate, modify, or reconsider the order(s) granting or denying the petition(s) to expunge or seal within 60 days of service of the order(s).
- (13) Void Orders. Any court order to expunge or seal records that is contrary to this Section is void.
- (e) Whenever a person who has been convicted of an offense is granted a pardon by the Governor which specifically authorizes expungement, he or she may, upon verified petition to the chief judge of the circuit where the person had been convicted, any judge of the circuit designated by the Chief Judge, or in counties of less than 3,000,000 inhabitants, the presiding trial judge at the defendant's trial, may have a

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court order entered expunging the record of arrest from the official records of the arresting authority and order that the records of the clerk of the circuit court and the Department be sealed until further order of the court upon good cause shown or as otherwise provided herein, and the name of the defendant obliterated from the official index requested to be kept by the circuit court clerk under Section 16 of the Clerks of Courts Act in connection with the arrest and conviction for the offense for which he or she had been pardoned but the order shall not affect any index issued by the circuit court clerk before the entry of the order. All records sealed by the Department may be disseminated by the Department only as required by law or to the arresting authority, the State's Attorney, and the court upon a later arrest for the same or similar offense or for the purpose of sentencing for any subsequent felony. Upon conviction for any subsequent offense, the Department of Corrections shall have access to all sealed records of the Department pertaining to that individual. Upon entry of the order of expungement, the clerk of the circuit court shall promptly mail a copy of the order to the person who was pardoned. (f) Subject to available funding, the Illinois Department

of Corrections shall conduct a study of the impact of sealing, especially on employment and recidivism rates, utilizing a random sample of those who apply for the sealing of their criminal records under Public Act 93-211. At the request of the

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Illinois Department of Corrections, records of the Illinois 1

Department of Employment Security shall be utilized as

appropriate to assist in the study. The study shall not

disclose any data in a manner that would allow the

identification of any particular individual or employing unit.

The study shall be made available to the General Assembly no

later than September 1, 2009.

(g) Notwithstanding any other rulemaking authority that may exist, neither the Governor nor any agency or agency head under the jurisdiction of the Governor has any authority to make or promulgate rules to implement or enforce the provisions of this amendatory Act of the 95th General Assembly. If, however, the Governor believes that rules are necessary to implement or enforce the provisions of this amendatory Act of the 95th General Assembly, the Governor may suggest rules to the General Assembly by filing them with the Clerk of the House and the Secretary of the Senate and by requesting that the General Assembly authorize such rulemaking by law, enact those suggested rules into law, or take any other appropriate action in the General Assembly's discretion. Nothing contained in this amendatory Act of the 95th General Assembly shall be interpreted to grant rulemaking authority under any other Illinois statute where such authority is not otherwise explicitly given. For the purposes of this subsection (g), "rules" is given the meaning contained in Section 1-70 of the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act, and "agency" and

- "agency head" are given the meanings contained in Sections 1-20 1
- 2 and 1-25 of the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act to the
- 3 extent that such definitions apply to agencies or agency heads
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- 6 Sec. 13. Retention and release of sealed records.
 - (a) The Department of State Police shall retain records sealed under subsection (c) $\frac{\text{(h)}}{\text{(h)}}$ of Section 6 $\frac{5}{\text{(h)}}$ and shall release them only as authorized by this Act. Felony records sealed under subsection (c) $\frac{h}{h}$ of Section 6 $\frac{5}{h}$ shall be used disseminated by the Department only as and otherwise specifically required or authorized by a federal or State law, rule, or regulation that requires inquiry into and release of criminal records, including, but not limited to, subsection (A) of Section 3 of this Act. However, all requests for records that have been expunded, sealed, and impounded and the use of those records are subject to the provisions of Section 2-103 of the Illinois Human Rights Act. Upon conviction for any offense, the Department of Corrections shall have access to all sealed records of the Department pertaining to that individual.
 - (b) Notwithstanding the foregoing, all sealed records are subject to inspection and use by the court and inspection and use by law enforcement agencies and State's Attorneys or other prosecutors in carrying out the duties of their offices.
 - (c) The sealed records maintained under subsection (a) are

exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act.

- 2 (d) The Department of State Police shall commence the 3 sealing of records of felony arrests and felony convictions pursuant to the provisions of subsection (c) $\frac{\text{(h)}}{\text{(h)}}$ of Section 6 $\frac{5}{\text{(h)}}$ 4 5 of this Act no later than one year from the date that funds 6 have been made available for purposes of establishing the 7 technologies necessary to implement the changes made by this 8 amendatory Act of the 93rd General Assembly.
- (Source: P.A. 93-211, eff. 1-1-04; 93-1084, eff. 6-1-05.) 9