

### Rep. Jehan Gordon-Booth

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## 10400SB1784ham001 LRB104 09193 RLC 26451 a 1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 1784 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend Senate Bill 1784 by replacing 2 everything after the enacting clause with the following: 3 "Section 1. This Act may be referred to as the Clean Slate 4 5 Act. Section 5. The Personnel Code is amended by changing 6 7 Section 4c as follows: (20 ILCS 415/4c) (from Ch. 127, par. 63b104c) 8 9 Sec. 4c. General exemptions. The following positions in State service shall be exempt from jurisdictions A, B, and C, 10 11 unless the jurisdictions shall be extended as provided in this 12 Act: (1) All officers elected by the people. 13 14 (2) All positions under the Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, State Treasurer, State Comptroller, 15

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- State Board of Education, Clerk of the Supreme Court,

  Attorney General, and State Board of Elections.
  - (3) Judges, and officers and employees of the courts, and notaries public.
  - (4) All officers and employees of the Illinois General Assembly, all employees of legislative commissions, all officers and employees of the Illinois Legislative Reference Bureau and the Legislative Printing Unit.
  - (5) All positions in the Illinois National Guard and Illinois State Guard, paid from federal funds or positions in the State Military Service filled by enlistment and paid from State funds.
  - (6) All employees of the Governor at the executive mansion and on his immediate personal staff.
  - (7) Directors of Departments, the Adjutant General, the Assistant Adjutant General, the Director of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency, members of boards and commissions, and all other positions appointed by the Governor by and with the consent of the Senate.
  - (8) The presidents, other principal administrative officers, and teaching, research and extension faculties of Chicago State University, Eastern Illinois University, Governors State University, Illinois State University, Northeastern Illinois University, Northern Illinois University, Western Illinois University, the Illinois Community College Board, Southern Illinois University,

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Illinois Board of Higher Education, University of Illinois, State Universities Civil Service System, University Retirement System of Illinois, and administrative officers and scientific and technical staff of the Illinois State Museum.

- (9) All other employees except the presidents, other principal administrative officers, and teaching, research and extension faculties of the universities under the jurisdiction of the Board of Regents and the colleges and universities under the jurisdiction of the Board of Governors of State Colleges and Universities, Illinois Community College Board, Southern Illinois University, Illinois Board of Higher Education, Board of Governors of State Colleges and Universities, the Board of Regents, University of Illinois, State Universities Civil Service System, University Retirement System of Illinois, so long as these are subject to the provisions of the State Universities Civil Service Act.
- (10) The Illinois State Police so long as they are subject to the merit provisions of the Illinois State Police Act. Employees of the Illinois State Police Merit Board are subject to the provisions of this Code.
  - (11) (Blank).
- The technical and engineering staffs of Department of Transportation, the Division of Nuclear Safety at the Illinois Emergency Management Agency, the

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- (13) All employees of the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority.
- (14) The Secretary of the Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission.
- (15) All persons who are appointed or employed by the Director of Insurance under authority of Section 202 of the Illinois Insurance Code to assist the Director of Insurance in discharging his responsibilities relating to the rehabilitation, liquidation, conservation, and dissolution of companies that are subject to the jurisdiction of the Illinois Insurance Code.
- (16) All employees of the St. Louis Metropolitan Area Airport Authority.
- (17) All investment officers employed by the Illinois State Board of Investment.
- (18) Employees of the Illinois Young Adult Conservation Corps program, administered by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, authorized grantee under Title VIII of the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act of 1973, 29 U.S.C. 993.
- (19) Seasonal employees of the Department of Agriculture for the operation of the Illinois State Fair

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- (20) All "temporary" employees hired under the Department of Natural Resources' Illinois Conservation Service, a youth employment program that hires young people to work in State parks for a period of one year or less.
- (21) All hearing officers of the Human Rights Commission.
  - (22) All employees of the Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy.
  - (23) All employees of the Kankakee River Valley Area Airport Authority.
    - (24) The commissioners and employees of the Executive Ethics Commission.
    - (25) The Executive Inspectors General, including special Executive Inspectors General, and employees of each Office of an Executive Inspector General.
    - (26) The commissioners and employees of the Legislative Ethics Commission.
    - (27) The Legislative Inspector General, including special Legislative Inspectors General, and employees of the Office of the Legislative Inspector General.
- (28) The Auditor General's Inspector General and employees of the Office of the Auditor General's Inspector General.

- 1 (29) All employees of the Illinois Power Agency.
- (30) Employees having demonstrable, defined advanced 2 skills in accounting, financial reporting, or technical 3 4 expertise who are employed within executive branch 5 agencies and whose duties are directly related to the submission to the Office of the Comptroller of financial 6 publication 7 information for the of the 8 comprehensive financial report.
- 9 (31) All employees of the Illinois Sentencing Policy 10 Advisory Council.
- 11 (32) All employees who are employed by the Illinois

  12 State Police with duties related to criminal history

  13 records, sealing records, or expunging records.
- 14 (Source: P.A. 102-291, eff. 8-6-21; 102-538, eff. 8-20-21;
- 15 102-783, eff. 5-13-22; 102-813, eff. 5-13-22; 103-108, eff.
- 16 6-27-23.)
- 17 Section 10. The Criminal Identification Act is amended by
- 18 changing Sections 2.1, 5.2, 13, and 14 and by adding Section
- 19 5.3 as follows:
- 20 (20 ILCS 2630/2.1) (from Ch. 38, par. 206-2.1)
- Sec. 2.1. For the purpose of maintaining complete and
- 22 accurate criminal records of the Illinois State Police, it is
- 23 necessary for all policing bodies of this State, the clerk of
- 24 the circuit court, the Illinois Department of Corrections, the

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sheriff of each county, and State's Attorney of each county to submit certain criminal arrest, charge, and disposition information to the Illinois State Police for filing at the earliest time possible. Unless otherwise noted herein, it shall be the duty of all policing bodies of this State, the clerk of the circuit court, the Illinois Department of Corrections, the sheriff of each county, and the State's Attorney of each county to report such information as provided in this Section, both in the form and manner required by the Illinois State Police and within 30 days of the criminal history event. Specifically:

- (a) Arrest Information. All agencies making arrests for offenses which are required by statute to be collected, maintained or disseminated by the Illinois State Police shall be responsible for furnishing daily to the Illinois State Police fingerprints, charges and descriptions of all persons who are arrested for such offenses. All such agencies shall also notify the Illinois State Police of all decisions by the arresting agency not to refer such arrests for prosecution. With approval of the Illinois State Police, an agency making such arrests may enter into arrangements with other agencies for the purpose of furnishing daily such fingerprints, charges and descriptions to the Illinois State Police upon its behalf.
- (b) Charge Information. The State's Attorney of each county shall notify the Illinois State Police of all

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charges filed and all petitions filed alleging that a minor is delinquent, including all those added subsequent to the filing of a case, and whether charges were not filed in cases for which the Illinois State Police has received information required to be reported pursuant to paragraph (a) of this Section. With approval of the Illinois State Police, the State's Attorney may enter into arrangements with other agencies for the purpose of furnishing the information required by this subsection (b) to the Illinois State Police upon the State's Attorney's behalf.

(c) Disposition Information. The clerk of the circuit court of each county shall furnish the Illinois State Police, in the form and manner required by the Supreme Court, with all final dispositions of cases for which the Illinois State Police has received information required to be reported pursuant to paragraph (a) or (d) of this Section. Such information shall include, for each charge, (1) judgments of not guilty, judgments of guilty including the sentence pronounced by the court with statutory citations to the relevant sentencing provision, findings that a minor is delinquent and any sentence made based on those findings, discharges and dismissals in the court; (2) reviewing court orders filed with the clerk of the circuit court which reverse or remand a reported conviction or findings that a minor is delinquent or that vacate or modify a sentence or sentence made following a

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trial that a minor is delinquent; (3) continuances to a date certain in furtherance of an order of supervision granted under Section 5-6-1 of the Unified Code of Corrections or an order of probation granted under Section 10 of the Cannabis Control Act, Section 410 of Illinois Controlled Substances Act, Section 70 of the Methamphetamine Control and Community Protection Act, Section 12-4.3 or subdivision (b)(1) of Section 12-3.05 of the Criminal Code of 1961 or the Criminal Code of 2012, Section 10-102 of the Illinois Alcoholism and Other Drug Dependency Act, Section 40-10 of the Substance Use Disorder Act, Section 10 of the Steroid Control Act, or Section 5-615 of the Juvenile Court Act of 1987; and (4) judgments or court orders terminating or revoking a juvenile disposition of sentence to or probation, supervision or conditional discharge, judgment or court orders of discharge from probation or conditional discharge, and any resentencing or new court orders entered by a juvenile court relating to the disposition of minor's case involving delinquency after revocation. The Illinois State Police may provide reports of cases with missing disposition information to the clerk of the circuit court. Each clerk of the circuit court receiving a report of cases with missing disposition information shall respond within 30 days after receiving the report unless the volume of records in the report

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(d) Fingerprints After Sentencing.

(1) After the court pronounces sentence, sentences a minor following a trial in which a minor was found to be delinquent or issues an order of supervision or an order of probation granted under Section 10 of the Cannabis Control Act, Section 410 of the Illinois Act, Controlled Substances Section 70 ofMethamphetamine Control and Community Protection Act, Section 12-4.3 or subdivision (b)(1) of Section 12-3.05 of the Criminal Code of 1961 or the Criminal Code of 2012, Section 10-102 of the Alcoholism and Other Drug Dependency Act, Section 40-10 of the Substance Use Disorder Act, Section 10 of the Steroid Control Act, or Section 5-615 of the Juvenile Court Act of 1987 for any offense which is required by statute to be collected, maintained, or disseminated by the Illinois State Police, the State's Attorney of each county shall ask the court to order a law enforcement agency to fingerprint immediately all persons appearing before the court who have not previously been fingerprinted for the same case. The court shall so order the requested fingerprinting, if it determines that any such person has not previously been fingerprinted for the same case. enforcement agency shall submit such fingerprints to

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- (2) After the court pronounces sentence or makes a disposition of a case following a finding of delinquency for any offense which is not required by statute to be collected, maintained, or disseminated by the Illinois State Police, the prosecuting attorney may ask the court to order a law enforcement agency to fingerprint immediately all persons appearing before the court who have not previously been fingerprinted for the same case. The court may so order the requested fingerprinting, if it determines that any so sentenced person has not previously been fingerprinted for the same case. The law enforcement agency may retain such fingerprints in its files.
- (e) Corrections Information. The Illinois Department of Corrections and the sheriff of each county shall furnish the Illinois State Police with all information concerning the receipt, escape, execution, death, release, pardon, parole, commutation of sentence, granting of executive clemency or discharge of an individual who has been sentenced or committed to the agency's custody for offenses which are mandated by statute to collected, maintained or disseminated by the Illinois State Police. For an individual who has been charged with any such offense and who escapes from custody or dies while in custody, all information concerning the receipt

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1	and escape or death, whichever is appropriate, shall also
2	be so furnished to the Illinois State Police.
3	(f) Any entity required to report information
4	concerning criminal arrests, charges, and dispositions
5	pursuant to Section 2.1 or 5 of this Act shall respond to
6	any notice advising the entity of missing or incomplete
7	information or an error in the reporting of the
8	information as follows:
9	(1) Responses shall be made within 30 days after
10	the notice from the Illinois State Police unless the
11	volume of records in the report renders that timeline
12	<pre>impracticable.</pre>
13	(2) Responses shall include the missing or
14	incomplete information, correction of the error or an
15	explanation detailing the reason the information
16	cannot be provided or corrected, and an estimated
17	timeframe for compliance.
18	(Source: P.A. 102-538, eff. 8-20-21.)
19	(20 ILCS 2630/5.2)
20	(Text of Section before amendment by P.A. 103-1071)
21	Sec. 5.2. Expungement, sealing, and immediate sealing.
22	(a) General Provisions.
23	(1) Definitions. In this Act, words and phrases have

the meanings set forth in this subsection, except when a

particular context clearly requires a different meaning.

1	(A) The following terms shall have the meanings
2	ascribed to them in the following Sections of the
3	Unified Code of Corrections:
4	Business Offense, Section 5-1-2.
5	Charge, Section 5-1-3.
6	Court, Section 5-1-6.
7	Defendant, Section 5-1-7.
8	Felony, Section 5-1-9.
9	Imprisonment, Section 5-1-10.
10	Judgment, Section 5-1-12.
11	Misdemeanor, Section 5-1-14.
12	Offense, Section 5-1-15.
13	Parole, Section 5-1-16.
14	Petty Offense, Section 5-1-17.
15	Probation, Section 5-1-18.
16	Sentence, Section 5-1-19.
17	Supervision, Section 5-1-21.
18	Victim, Section 5-1-22.
19	(B) As used in this Section, "charge not initiated
20	by arrest" means a charge (as defined by Section 5-1-3
21	of the Unified Code of Corrections) brought against a
22	defendant where the defendant is not arrested prior to
23	or as a direct result of the charge.
24	(C) "Conviction" means a judgment of conviction or
25	sentence entered upon a plea of guilty or upon a
26	verdict or finding of guilty of an offense, rendered

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by a legally constituted jury or by a court of competent jurisdiction authorized to try the case without a jury. An order of supervision successfully completed by the petitioner is not a conviction. An order of qualified probation (as defined in subsection (a) (1) (J)) successfully completed by the petitioner is not a conviction. An order of supervision or an order of qualified probation that is terminated unsatisfactorily is a conviction, unless the unsatisfactory termination is reversed, vacated, or modified and the judgment of conviction, if any, is reversed or vacated.

- (D) "Criminal offense" means a petty offense, business offense, misdemeanor, felony, or municipal ordinance violation (as defined in subsection (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

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(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 subsection (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. If multiple sentences, orders of supervision, or orders of qualified probation terminate on the same day and last in time, they shall be collectively considered the "last sentence" regardless of whether they were ordered to run concurrently.

- (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.
- (G-5) "Minor Cannabis Offense" means a violation of Section 4 or 5 of the Cannabis Control Act concerning not more than 30 grams of any substance containing cannabis, provided the violation did not include a penalty enhancement under Section 7 of the Cannabis Control Act and is not associated with an arrest, conviction or other disposition for a violent

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crime as defined in subsection (c) of Section 3 of the Rights of Crime Victims and Witnesses Act.

- "Municipal ordinance violation" means an 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 prosecuted as an adult who has applied for relief under this Section.
- "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 5-6-3.3 or 5-6-3.4 the Unified Code of Corrections, 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 Substance Use Disorder 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 Illinois Alcoholism and Other Drug Dependency Act and Section 40-10 of the Substance Use Disorder Act means

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that the probation was terminated satisfactorily and 1 the judgment of conviction was vacated. 2

- (K) "Seal" means to physically and electronically maintain the records, unless the records would otherwise be destroyed due to age, but to make the records unavailable without a court order, subject to the exceptions in Sections 12 and 13 of this Act. The petitioner's name shall also be obliterated from the official index required to be kept by the circuit court clerk under Section 16 of the Clerks of Courts Act, but any index issued by the circuit court clerk before the entry of the order to seal shall not be affected.
- (L) "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.
- (M) "Terminate" as it relates to a sentence or order of supervision or qualified probation includes either satisfactory or unsatisfactory termination of the sentence, unless otherwise specified in this Section. A sentence is terminated notwithstanding any outstanding financial legal obligation.
- (2) Minor Traffic Offenses. Orders of supervision or convictions for minor traffic offenses shall not affect a

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petitioner's eligibility to expunge or seal records pursuant to this Section.

(2.5) Commencing 180 days after July 29, 2016 (the effective date of Public Act 99-697), the law enforcement agency issuing the citation shall automatically expunge, on or before January 1 and July 1 of each year, the law enforcement records of a person found to have committed a civil law violation of subsection (a) of Section 4 of the Cannabis Control Act or subsection (c) of Section 3.5 of the Drug Paraphernalia Control Act in the law enforcement agency's possession or control and which contains the final satisfactory disposition which pertain to the person issued a citation for that offense. The law enforcement agency shall provide by rule the process for access, review, and to confirm the automatic expungement by the law enforcement agency issuing the citation. Commencing 180 days after July 29, 2016 (the effective date of Public Act 99-697), the clerk of the circuit court shall expunge, upon order of the court, or in the absence of a court order on or before January 1 and July 1 of each year, the court records of a person found in the circuit court to have committed a civil law violation of subsection (a) of Section 4 of the Cannabis Control Act or subsection (c) of Section 3.5 of the Drug Paraphernalia Control Act in the clerk's possession or control and which contains the final satisfactory disposition which pertain to the person

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issued a citation for any of those offenses. 1

- (3) Exclusions. Except as otherwise provided in subsections (b) (5), (b) (6), (b) (8), (e), (e-5), and (e-6)of this Section, the court shall not order:
  - (A) the sealing or expungement of the records of arrests or charges not initiated by arrest that result in an order of supervision for or conviction of: (i) any sexual offense committed against a minor; (ii) Section 11-501 of the Illinois Vehicle Code or a similar provision of a local ordinance; or (iii) Section 11-503 of the Illinois Vehicle Code or a similar provision of a local ordinance, unless the arrest or charge is for a misdemeanor violation of Section 11-503 or a similar subsection (a) of provision of a local ordinance, that occurred prior to the offender reaching the age of 25 years and the offender has no other conviction for violating Section 11-501 or 11-503 of the Illinois Vehicle Code or a similar provision of a local ordinance.
  - (B) the sealing or expungement of records of minor traffic offenses (as defined in subsection (a)(1)(G)), unless the petitioner was arrested and released without charging.
  - (C) the sealing of the records of arrests or charges not initiated by arrest which result in an order of supervision or a conviction for the following

1 offenses:

2	(i) offenses included in Article 11 of the
3	Criminal Code of 1961 or the Criminal Code of 2012
4	or a similar provision of a local ordinance,
5	except Section 11-14 and a misdemeanor violation
6	of Section 11-30 of the Criminal Code of 1961 or
7	the Criminal Code of 2012, or a similar provision
8	of a local ordinance;
9	(ii) Section 11-1.50, 12-3.4, 12-15, 12-30,
10	26-5, or 48-1 of the Criminal Code of 1961 or the
11	Criminal Code of 2012, or a similar provision of a
12	local ordinance;
13	(iii) Section 12-3.1 or 12-3.2 of the Criminal
14	Code of 1961 or the Criminal Code of 2012, or
15	Section 125 of the Stalking No Contact Order Act,
16	or Section 219 of the Civil No Contact Order Act,
17	or a similar provision of a local ordinance;
18	(iv) Class A misdemeanors or felony offenses
19	under the Humane Care for Animals Act; or
20	(v) any offense or attempted offense that
21	would subject a person to registration under the
22	Sex Offender Registration Act.
23	(D) (blank).
24	(b) Expungement.
25	(1) A petitioner may petition the circuit court to
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initiated by arrest when 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 completed by the petitioner.

- (1.5) When a petitioner seeks to have a record of arrest expunged under this Section, and the offender has been convicted of a criminal offense, the State's Attorney may object to the expungement on the grounds that the records contain specific relevant information aside from the mere fact of the arrest.
  - (2) Time frame for filing a petition to expunge.
  - (A) When the arrest or charge not initiated by arrest sought to be expunded resulted in an acquittal, dismissal, the petitioner's release without charging, or the reversal or vacation of a conviction, there is no waiting period to petition for the expungement of such records.
  - (A-5) In anticipation of the successful completion of a problem-solving court, pre-plea diversion, or

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post-plea diversion program, a petition for expungement may be filed 61 days before the anticipated dismissal of the case or any thereafter. Upon successful completion of the program and dismissal of the case, the court shall review the petition of the person graduating from the program and shall grant expungement if the petitioner meets all requirements as specified in any applicable statute.

- (B) When the arrest or charge not initiated by arrest sought to be expunded resulted in an order of supervision, successfully completed by the petitioner, the following time frames will apply:
  - (i) Those arrests or charges that resulted in orders of supervision under Section 3-707, 3-708, 3-710, or 5-401.3 of the Illinois Vehicle Code or a similar provision of a local ordinance, or under Section 11-1.50, 12-3.2, or 12-15 of the Criminal Code of 1961 or the Criminal Code of 2012, or a similar provision of a local ordinance, shall not be eligible for expungement until 5 years have passed following the satisfactory termination of the supervision.
  - (i-5) Those arrests or charges that resulted orders of supervision for a misdemeanor violation of subsection (a) of Section 11-503 of the Illinois Vehicle Code or a similar provision

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of a local ordinance, that occurred prior to the offender reaching the age of 25 years and the offender has no other conviction for violating Section 11-501 or 11-503 of the Illinois Vehicle Code or a similar provision of a local ordinance shall not be eligible for expungement until the petitioner has reached the age of 25 years.

- (ii) Those arrests or charges that resulted in orders of supervision for any other offenses shall not be eligible for expungement until 2 years have passed following the satisfactory termination of the supervision.
- (C) When the arrest or charge not initiated by arrest sought to be expunded resulted in an order of qualified probation, successfully completed by the petitioner, such records shall not be eligible for expungement until 5 years have passed following the satisfactory termination of the probation.
- (3) Those records maintained by the Illinois State Police for persons arrested prior to their 17th birthday shall be expunded as provided in Section 5-915 of the Juvenile Court Act of 1987.
- Whenever a person has been arrested for or convicted of any offense, in the name of a person whose identity he or she has stolen or otherwise come into possession of, the aggrieved person from whom the identity

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was stolen or otherwise obtained without authorization, upon learning of the person having been arrested using his or her 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 Illinois State Police, other criminal justice agencies, the prosecutor, and the trial court concerning such arrest, if any, by removing his or her 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 circuit court clerk shall be sealed until further order of the court upon good 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 Illinois 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,

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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 circuit court clerk in connection with the proceedings of the trial court concerning that offense. However, the records of the arresting authority and the Illinois State Police concerning the offense shall not be sealed. The court, upon good cause shown, shall make the records of the circuit court clerk in connection with the proceedings of the trial court concerning the offense available for public inspection.

- (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 that finds the petitioner factually innocent of the charge shall enter an expungement order for the conviction for which the petitioner has been determined to be innocent as provided in subsection (b) of Section 5-5-4 of the Unified Code of Corrections.
- (7) Nothing in this Section shall prevent the Illinois State Police from maintaining all records of any person who is admitted to probation upon terms and conditions and

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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 5-6-3.3 or 5-6-3.4 of the Unified Code of Corrections, Section 12-4.3 or subdivision (b)(1) Section 12-3.05 of the Criminal Code of 1961 or the Criminal Code of 2012, Section 10-102 of the Illinois Alcoholism and Other Drug Dependency Act, Section 40-10 of the Substance Use Disorder Act, or Section 10 of the Steroid Control Act.

- (8) If the petitioner has been granted a certificate of innocence under Section 2-702 of the Code of Civil Procedure, the court that grants the certificate of innocence shall also enter an order expunging the conviction for which the petitioner has been determined to be innocent as provided in subsection (h) of Section 2-702 of the Code of Civil Procedure.
- (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. Subsection (g) of this Section provides for immediate sealing of certain records.
    - (2) Eligible Records. The following records may be

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1	sealed:
2	(A) All arrests resulting in release without
3	charging;
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);
8	(C) Arrests or charges not initiated by arrest
9	resulting in orders of supervision, including orders
10	of supervision for municipal ordinance violations,
11	successfully completed by the petitioner, unless
12	excluded by subsection (a)(3);
13	(D) Arrests or charges not initiated by arrest
14	resulting in convictions, including convictions on
15	municipal ordinance violations, unless excluded by
16	subsection (a)(3);
17	(E) Arrests or charges not initiated by arrest
18	resulting in orders of first offender probation under
19	Section 10 of the Cannabis Control Act, Section 410 of
20	the Illinois Controlled Substances Act, Section 70 of
21	the Methamphetamine Control and Community Protection
22	Act, or Section 5-6-3.3 of the Unified Code of
23	Corrections; and
24	(F) Arrests or charges not initiated by arrest

resulting in felony convictions unless otherwise

excluded by subsection (a) paragraph (3) of this

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- (3) When Records Are Eligible to Be Sealed. Records identified as eligible under subsection (c)(2) may be sealed as follows:
  - Records identified as eligible (A) under subsections (c)(2)(A) and (c)(2)(B) may be sealed at any time.
  - (B) Except as otherwise provided in subparagraph (E) of this paragraph (3), records identified as eligible under subsection (c)(2)(C) may be sealed 2 years after the termination of petitioner's last sentence (as defined in subsection (a)(1)(F)).
  - (C) Except as otherwise provided in subparagraph (E) of this paragraph (3), records identified as eligible under subsections (c)(2)(D), (c)(2)(E), and (c)(2)(F) may be sealed 3 years after the termination of the petitioner's last sentence (as defined in subsection (a)(1)(F)). Convictions requiring public registration under the Arsonist Registry Act, the Sex Offender Registration Act, or the Murderer and Violent Offender Against Youth Registration Act may not be sealed until the petitioner is no longer required to register under that relevant Act.
  - Records identified in (D) subsection (a) (3) (A) (iii) may be sealed after the petitioner has reached the age of 25 years.

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- Records identified as eligible (E) under subsection (c) (2) (C), (c) (2) (D), (c) (2) (E), or (c)(2)(F) may be sealed upon termination of the petitioner's last sentence if the petitioner earned a high school diploma, associate's degree, career certificate, vocational technical certification, or bachelor's degree, or passed the high school level Test of General Educational Development, during the period of his or her sentence or mandatory supervised release. This subparagraph shall apply only to a petitioner who has not completed the same educational goal prior to the period of his or her sentence or mandatory supervised release. If a petition for sealing eligible records filed under this subparagraph is denied by the court, the time periods under subparagraph (B) or (C) shall apply to any subsequent petition for sealing filed by the petitioner.
- (4) Subsequent felony convictions. A person may not have subsequent felony conviction records sealed as 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

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- 1 disposition for an eliqible record under this subsection (c), the petitioner shall be informed by the court of the 2 3 right to have the records sealed and the procedures for the sealing of the records. 4
  - Procedure. The following procedures apply expungement under subsections (b), (e), and (e-6) and sealing under subsections (c) and (e-5):
    - (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, except no fee shall be required if the petitioner has obtained a court order waiving fees under Supreme Court Rule 298 or it is otherwise waived.
    - (1.5) County fee waiver pilot program. From August 9, 2019 (the effective date of Public Act 101-306) through December 31, 2020, in a county of 3,000,000 or more inhabitants, no fee shall be required to be paid by a petitioner if the records sought to be expunded or sealed were arrests resulting in release without charging or arrests or charges not initiated by arrest resulting in

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acquittal, dismissal, or conviction when the conviction was reversed or vacated, unless excluded by subsection (a)(3)(B). The provisions of this paragraph (1.5), other than this sentence, are inoperative on and after January 1, 2022.

- (2) Contents of petition. The petition shall be verified and shall contain the petitioner's name, date of 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 circuit court clerk of any change of his or her address. If the petitioner has received a certificate of eligibility for sealing from the Prisoner Review Board under paragraph (10) of subsection (a) of Section 3-3-2 of the Unified Code of Corrections, the certificate shall be attached to the petition.
- (3) Drug test. The petitioner must attach to the petition proof that the petitioner has taken within 30 days before the filing of the petition a test showing the absence within his or her body of all illegal substances as defined by the Illinois Controlled Substances Act and the Methamphetamine Control and Community Protection Act if he or she is petitioning to:

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- (B) seal felony records for a violation of the Illinois Controlled Substances Act, the Methamphetamine Control and Community Protection Act, or the Cannabis Control Act under clause (c) (2) (F);
  - (C) seal felony records under subsection (e-5); or
- (D) expunge felony records of a qualified probation under clause (b)(1)(iv).
- (4) Service of petition. The circuit court clerk shall promptly serve a copy of the petition and documentation to support the petition under subsection (e-5) or (e-6) on the State's Attorney or prosecutor charged with the duty of prosecuting the offense, the Illinois 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 may file an objection to the petition. All objections shall be in writing, shall be filed with the circuit court clerk, and shall state with specificity the basis of the objection. Whenever a person who has been convicted of an offense is granted a pardon by the Governor which specifically authorizes expungement, an objection to the petition may not be filed.
- (B) Objections to a petition to expunge or seal must be filed within 60 days of the date of service of

the petition.

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#### (6) Entry of order.

- (A) 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 petitioner's trial, if any, shall rule on the petition to expunge or seal as set forth in this subsection (d) (6).
- (B) Unless the State's Attorney or prosecutor, the Illinois State Police, the arresting agency, or the chief legal officer files an objection to the petition to expunge or seal within 60 days from the date of service of the petition, the court shall enter an order granting or denying the petition.
- (C) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the court shall not deny a petition for sealing under this Section because the petitioner has not satisfied an outstanding legal financial obligation established, imposed, or originated by a court, law enforcement agency, or a municipal, State, county, or other unit of local government, including, but not limited to, any cost, assessment, fine, or fee. An outstanding legal financial obligation does not include any court ordered restitution to a victim under Section 5-5-6 of the Unified Code of Corrections, unless the

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restitution has been converted to a civil judgment. Nothing in this subparagraph (C) waives, rescinds, or abrogates a legal financial obligation or otherwise eliminates or affects the right of the holder of any financial obligation to pursue collection under applicable federal, State, or local law.

- (D) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the court shall not deny a petition to expunge or seal under this Section because the petitioner has submitted a drug test taken within 30 days before the filing of the petition to expunge or seal that indicates a positive test for the presence of cannabis within the petitioner's body. In this subparagraph (D), "cannabis" has the meaning ascribed to it in Section 3 of the Cannabis Control Act.
- (7) Hearings. If an objection is filed, the court shall set a date for a hearing and notify the petitioner and all parties entitled to notice of the petition of the hearing date at least 30 days prior to the hearing. Prior to the hearing, the State's Attorney shall consult with the Illinois State Police as to the appropriateness of the relief sought in the petition to expunge or seal. At the hearing, the court shall hear evidence on whether the petition should or should not be granted, and shall grant or deny the petition to expunge or seal the records based on the evidence presented at the hearing. The court may

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both:

1	consider the following:
2	(A) the strength of the evidence supporting the
3	defendant's conviction;
4	(B) the reasons for retention of the conviction
5	records by the State;
6	(C) the petitioner's age, criminal record history,
7	and employment history;
8	(D) the period of time between the petitioner's
9	arrest on the charge resulting in the conviction and
10	the filing of the petition under this Section; and
11	(E) the specific adverse consequences the
12	petitioner may be subject to if the petition is
13	denied.
14	(8) Service of order. After entering an order to
15	expunge or seal records, the court must provide copies of
16	the order to the Illinois State Police, in a form and
17	manner prescribed by the Illinois State Police, to the
18	petitioner, to the State's Attorney or prosecutor charged
19	with the duty of prosecuting the offense, to the arresting
20	agency, to the chief legal officer of the unit of local
21	government effecting the arrest, and to such other
22	criminal justice agencies as may be ordered by the court.
23	(9) Implementation of order.
24	(A) Upon entry of an order to expunge records

pursuant to subsection (b)(2)(A) or (b)(2)(B)(ii), or

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both:

1	(i) the records shall be expunged (as defined
2	in subsection (a)(1)(E)) by the arresting agency,
3	the Illinois State Police, and any other agency as
4	ordered by the court, within 60 days of the date of
5	service of the order, unless a motion to vacate,
6	modify, or reconsider the order is filed pursuant
7	to paragraph (12) of subsection (d) of this
8	Section;
9	(ii) the records of the circuit court clerk
10	shall be impounded until further order of the
11	court upon good cause shown and the name of the
12	petitioner obliterated on the official index
13	required to be kept by the circuit court clerk
14	under Section 16 of the Clerks of Courts Act, but
15	the order shall not affect any index issued by the
16	circuit court clerk before the entry of the order;
17	and
18	(iii) in response to an inquiry for expunged
19	records, the court, the Illinois State Police, or
20	the agency receiving such inquiry, shall reply as
21	it does in response to inquiries when no records
22	ever existed.
23	(B) Upon entry of an order to expunge records

pursuant to subsection (b)(2)(B)(i) or (b)(2)(C), or

(i) the records shall be expunged (as defined

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in subsection (a)(1)(E)) by the arresting agency and any other agency as ordered by the court, within 60 days of the date of service of the order, unless a motion to vacate, modify, or reconsider the order is filed pursuant to paragraph (12) of subsection (d) of this Section;

(ii) the records of the circuit court clerk shall be impounded until further order of the court upon good cause shown and the name of the petitioner 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;

(iii) the records shall be impounded by the Illinois State Police within 60 days of the date of service of the order as ordered by the court, unless a motion to vacate, modify, or reconsider the order is filed pursuant to paragraph (12) of subsection (d) of this Section;

(iv) records impounded by the Illinois State Police may be disseminated by the Illinois State Police 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 a similar offense or for the purpose of sentencing for any

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2	Corrections upon conviction for any offense; and
3	(v) in response to an inquiry for such records
4	from anyone not authorized by law to access such
5	records, the court, the Illinois State Police, or
6	the agency receiving such inquiry shall reply as
7	it does in response to inquiries when no records
8	ever existed.
9	(B-5) Upon entry of an order to expunge records
10	under subsection (e-6):
11	(i) the records shall be expunged (as defined
12	in subsection (a)(1)(E)) by the arresting agency
13	and any other agency as ordered by the court,
14	within 60 days of the date of service of the order,
15	unless a motion to vacate, modify, or reconsider
16	the order is filed under paragraph (12) of
17	subsection (d) of this Section;
18	(ii) the records of the circuit court clerk
19	shall be impounded until further order of the
20	court upon good cause shown and the name of the
21	petitioner obliterated on the official index
22	required to be kept by the circuit court clerk
23	under Section 16 of the Clerks of Courts Act, but
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Illinois State Police within 60 days of the date of service of the order as ordered by the court, unless a motion to vacate, modify, or reconsider the order is filed under paragraph (12) of subsection (d) of this Section;

- (iv) records impounded by the Illinois State Police may be disseminated by the Illinois State Police 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 a similar offense or for the purpose of sentencing for any subsequent felony, and to the Department of Corrections upon conviction for any offense; and
- in response to an inquiry for these records from anyone not authorized by law to access the records, the court, the Illinois State Police, or the agency receiving the inquiry shall reply as it does in response to inquiries when no records ever existed.
- (C) Upon entry of an order to seal records under subsection (c), the arresting agency, any other agency as ordered by the court, the Illinois State Police, and the court shall seal the records (as defined in subsection (a)(1)(K)). In response to an inquiry for such records, from anyone not authorized by law to access such records, the court, the Illinois State

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Police, or the agency receiving such inquiry shall reply as it does in response to inquiries when no records ever existed.

(D) The Illinois State Police shall send written notice to the petitioner of its compliance with each order to expunge or seal records within 60 days of the date of service of that order or, if a motion to vacate, modify, or reconsider is filed, within 60 days of service of the order resolving the motion, if that order requires the Illinois State Police to expunge or seal records. In the event of an appeal from the circuit court order, the Illinois State Police shall send written notice to the petitioner of compliance with an Appellate Court or Supreme Court judgment to expunge or seal records within 60 days of the issuance of the court's mandate. The notice is not required while any motion to vacate, modify, or reconsider, or any petition appeal or for discretionary appellate review, is pending.

(E) Upon motion, the court may order that a sealed judgment or other court record necessary demonstrate the amount of any legal financial obligation due and owing be made available for the limited purpose of collecting any legal financial obligations owed by the petitioner that established, imposed, or originated in the criminal

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proceeding for which those records have been sealed. The records made available under this subparagraph (E) shall not be entered into the official index required to be kept by the circuit court clerk under Section 16 of the Clerks of Courts Act and shall be immediately re-impounded upon the collection of the outstanding financial obligations.

- (F) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section, a circuit court clerk may access a sealed record for the limited purpose of collecting payment any legal financial obligations that established, imposed, or originated in the criminal proceedings for which those records have been sealed.
- (10) Fees. The Illinois State Police may charge the petitioner a fee equivalent to the cost of processing any order to expunge or seal records. Notwithstanding any provision of the Clerks of Courts Act to the contrary, the circuit court clerk may charge a fee equivalent to the cost associated with the sealing or expungement of records by the circuit court clerk. From the total filing fee collected for the petition to seal or expunge, the circuit court clerk shall deposit \$10 into the Circuit Court Clerk Operation and Administrative Fund, to be used to offset costs incurred by the circuit court clerk performing the additional duties required to serve the petition to seal or expunge on all parties. The circuit

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court clerk shall collect and remit the Illinois State Police portion of the fee to the State Treasurer and it shall be deposited in the State Police Services Fund. If the record brought under an expungement petition was previously sealed under this Section, the fee for the expungement petition for that same record shall be waived.

- (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. Under Section 2-1203 of the Code of Civil Procedure, the petitioner or any party entitled to notice may file a motion to vacate, modify, or reconsider the order granting or denying the petition to expunge or seal within 60 days of service of the order. If filed more than 60 days after service of the order, a petition to vacate, modify, or reconsider shall comply with subsection (c) of Section 2-1401 of the Code of Civil Procedure. Upon filing of a motion to vacate, modify, or reconsider, notice of the motion shall be served upon the petitioner and all parties entitled to notice of the petition.
- (13) Effect of Order. An order granting a petition under the expungement or sealing provisions of this Section shall not be considered void because it fails to

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comply with the provisions of this Section or because of any error asserted in a motion to vacate, modify, or reconsider. The circuit court retains jurisdiction to determine whether the order is voidable and to vacate, modify, or reconsider its terms based on a motion filed under paragraph (12) of this subsection (d).

- (14) Compliance with Order Granting Petition to Seal Records. Unless a court has entered a stay of an order granting a petition to seal, all parties entitled to notice of the petition must fully comply with the terms of the order within 60 days of service of the order even if a party is seeking relief from the order through a motion filed under paragraph (12) of this subsection (d) or is appealing the order.
- (15) Compliance with Order Granting Petition to Expunge Records. While a party is seeking relief from the order granting the petition to expunge through a motion filed under paragraph (12) of this subsection (d) or is appealing the order, and unless a court has entered a stay of that order, the parties entitled to notice of the petition must seal, but need not expunge, the records until there is a final order on the motion for relief or, in the case of an appeal, the issuance of that court's mandate.
- (16) The changes to this subsection (d) made by Public Act 98-163 apply to all petitions pending on August 5,

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2013 (the effective date of Public Act 98-163) and to all orders ruling on a petition to expunge or seal on or after August 5, 2013 (the effective date of Public Act 98-163).

(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, 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 circuit court clerk and the Illinois State Police 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 Illinois State Police may be disseminated by the Illinois State Police only 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,

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1 the Department of Corrections shall have access to all sealed records of the Illinois State Police pertaining to that 2 individual. Upon entry of the order of expungement, the 3 4 circuit court clerk shall promptly mail a copy of the order to 5 the person who was pardoned.

(e-5) Whenever a person who has been convicted of an offense is granted a certificate of eligibility for sealing by the Prisoner Review Board which specifically authorizes sealing, 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 petitioner's trial, have a court order entered sealing the record of arrest from the official records of the arresting authority and order that the records of the circuit court clerk and the Illinois State Police be sealed until further order of the court upon good cause shown or as otherwise provided herein, and the name of the petitioner 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 granted the certificate but the order shall not affect any index issued by the circuit court clerk before the entry of the order. All sealed by the Illinois State Police disseminated by the Illinois State Police only as required by

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this Act or to the arresting authority, a law enforcement agency, 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 Illinois State Police pertaining to that individual. Upon entry of the order of sealing, the circuit court clerk shall promptly mail a copy of the order to the person who was granted the certificate of eligibility for sealing.

(e-6) Whenever a person who has been convicted of an is granted a certificate of eligibility expungement by the Prisoner Review Board 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 petitioner's trial, 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 circuit court clerk and the Illinois State Police be sealed until further order of the court upon good cause shown as otherwise provided herein, and the name of the petitioner 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

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the offense for which he or she had been granted the certificate 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 Illinois State Police may be disseminated by the Illinois State Police only as required by this Act or to the arresting authority, a law enforcement agency, 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 expunged records of the Illinois State Police pertaining to that individual. Upon entry of the order of expungement, the circuit court clerk shall promptly mail a copy of the order to the person who was granted the certificate of eligibility for expungement.

(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 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 manner that would allow the identification of any particular individual or employing unit. The study shall be made available to the General Assembly no

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- 1 later than September 1, 2010.
  - (g) Immediate Sealing.
    - (1) Applicability. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act to the contrary, and cumulative with any rights to expungement or sealing of criminal records, this subsection authorizes the immediate sealing of criminal records of adults and of minors prosecuted as adults.
    - (2) Eligible Records. Arrests or charges not initiated by arrest resulting in acquittal or dismissal with prejudice, except as excluded by subsection (a)(3)(B), that occur on or after January 1, 2018 (the effective date of Public Act 100-282), may be sealed immediately if the petition is filed with the circuit court clerk on the same day and during the same hearing in which the case is disposed.
    - (3) When Records are Eligible to be Immediately Sealed. Eligible records under paragraph (2) of this subsection (g) may be sealed immediately after entry of the final disposition of a case, notwithstanding the disposition of other charges in the same case.
    - (4) Notice of Eligibility for Immediate Sealing. Upon entry of a disposition for an eligible record under this subsection (g), the defendant shall be informed by the court of his or her right to have eligible records immediately sealed and the procedure for the immediate sealing of these records.

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- (5) Procedure. The following procedures apply to 1 immediate sealing under this subsection (g). 2
  - (A) Filing the Petition. Upon entry of the final disposition of the case, the defendant's attorney may immediately petition the court, on behalf of the defendant, for immediate sealing of eligible records under paragraph (2) of this subsection (g) that are entered on or after January 1, 2018 (the effective date of Public Act 100-282). The immediate sealing petition may be filed with the circuit court clerk during the hearing in which the final disposition of the case is entered. If the defendant's attorney does not file the petition for immediate sealing during the hearing, the defendant may file a petition for sealing at any time as authorized under subsection (c)(3)(A).
  - (B) Contents of Petition. The immediate sealing petition shall be verified and shall contain the petitioner's name, date of birth, current address, and for each eligible record, the case number, the date of arrest if applicable, the identity of the arresting authority if applicable, and other information as the court may require.
  - (C) Drug Test. The petitioner shall not be required to attach proof that he or she has passed a drug test.
    - (D) Service of Petition. A copy of the petition

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1	shall be served on the State's Attorney in open court.
2	The petitioner shall not be required to serve a copy of
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4	(E) Entry of Order. The presiding trial judge
5	shall enter an order granting or denving the petition

- shall enter an order granting or denying the petition for immediate sealing during the hearing in which it is filed. Petitions for immediate sealing shall be ruled on in the same hearing in which the final disposition of the case is entered.
- (F) Hearings. The court shall hear the petition for immediate sealing on the same day and during the same hearing in which the disposition is rendered.
- (G) Service of Order. An order to immediately seal eligible records shall be served in conformance with subsection (d)(8).
- Implementation of Order. An order (H) to immediately seal records shall be implemented in conformance with subsections (d) (9) (C) and (d) (9) (D).
- (I) Fees. The fee imposed by the circuit court clerk and the Illinois State Police shall comply with paragraph (1) of subsection (d) of this Section.
- (J) Final Order. No court order issued under this subsection (g) shall become final for purposes of appeal until 30 days after service of the order on the petitioner and all parties entitled to service of the order in conformance with subsection (d) (8).

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- (K) Motion to Vacate, Modify, or Reconsider. Under Section 2-1203 of the Code of Civil Procedure, the petitioner, State's Attorney, or the Illinois State Police may file a motion to vacate, modify, order reconsider the denying the petition immediately seal within 60 days of service of the order. If filed more than 60 days after service of the order, a petition to vacate, modify, or reconsider shall comply with subsection (c) of Section 2-1401 of the Code of Civil Procedure.
- Effect of Order. An order granting an (L) immediate sealing petition shall not be considered void because it fails to comply with the provisions of this Section or because of an error asserted in a motion to vacate, modify, or reconsider. The circuit court retains jurisdiction to determine whether the order is voidable, and to vacate, modify, reconsider its terms based on a motion filed under subparagraph (L) of this subsection (g).
- (M) Compliance with Order Granting Petition to Seal Records. Unless a court has entered a stay of an order granting a petition to immediately seal, all parties entitled to service of the order must fully comply with the terms of the order within 60 days of service of the order.
- (h) Sealing or vacation and expungement of trafficking

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- (1) A trafficking victim, as defined by paragraph (10) of subsection (a) of Section 10-9 of the Criminal Code of 2012, may petition for vacation and expungement or immediate sealing of his or her criminal record upon the completion of his or her last sentence if his or her participation in the underlying offense was a result of human trafficking under Section 10-9 of the Criminal Code of 2012 or a severe form of trafficking under the federal Trafficking Victims Protection Act.
- (1.5) A petition under paragraph (1) shall be prepared, signed, and filed in accordance with Supreme Court Rule 9. The court may allow the petitioner to attend any required hearing remotely in accordance with local rules. The court may allow a petition to be filed under seal if the public filing of the petition would constitute a risk of harm to the petitioner.
- (2) A petitioner under this subsection (h), in addition to the requirements provided under paragraph (4) of subsection (d) of this Section, shall include in his or her petition a clear and concise statement that: (A) he or she was a victim of human trafficking at the time of the offense; and (B) that his or her participation in the offense was a result of human trafficking under Section 10-9 of the Criminal Code of 2012 or a severe form of trafficking under the federal Trafficking Victims

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- an objection is filed alleging that the petitioner is not entitled to vacation and expungement or immediate sealing under this subsection (h), the court shall conduct a hearing under paragraph (7) of subsection (d) of this Section and the court shall determine whether the petitioner is entitled to vacation and expungement or immediate sealing under this subsection (h). A petitioner is eligible for vacation and expungement or immediate relief under this subsection (h) if he or she shows, by a preponderance of the evidence, that: (A) he or she was a victim of human trafficking at the time of the offense; and (B) that his or her participation in the offense was a result of human trafficking under Section 10-9 of the Criminal Code of 2012 or a severe form of trafficking under the federal Trafficking Victims Protection Act.
- 17 (i) Minor Cannabis Offenses under the Cannabis Control Act. 18
  - (1) Expungement of Arrest Records of Minor Cannabis Offenses.
    - Illinois (A) State Police and all enforcement agencies within the State shall automatically expunge all criminal history records of an arrest, charge not initiated by arrest, order of supervision, or order of qualified probation for a Minor Cannabis Offense committed prior to June 25,

1	2019 (the effective date of Public Act 101-27) if:
2	(i) One year or more has elapsed since the
3	date of the arrest or law enforcement interaction
4	documented in the records; and
5	(ii) No criminal charges were filed relating
6	to the arrest or law enforcement interaction or
7	criminal charges were filed and subsequently
8	dismissed or vacated or the arrestee was
9	acquitted.
10	(B) If the law enforcement agency is unable to
11	verify satisfaction of condition (ii) in paragraph
12	(A), records that satisfy condition (i) in paragraph
13	(A) shall be automatically expunded.
14	(C) Records shall be expunged by the law
15	enforcement agency under the following timelines:
16	(i) Records created prior to June 25, 2019
17	(the effective date of Public Act 101-27), but on
18	or after January 1, 2013, shall be automatically
19	expunged prior to January 1, 2021;
20	(ii) Records created prior to January 1, 2013,
21	but on or after January 1, 2000, shall be
22	automatically expunged prior to January 1, 2023;
23	(iii) Records created prior to January 1, 2000
24	shall be automatically expunded prior to January
25	1, 2025.
26	In response to an inquiry for expunged records,

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1	the law enforcement agency receiving such inquiry
2	shall reply as it does in response to inquiries when no
3	records ever existed; however, it shall provide a
4	certificate of disposition or confirmation that the
5	record was expunged to the individual whose record was
6	expunged if such a record exists.
7	(D) Nothing in this Section shall be construed to
8	restrict or modify an individual's right to have that
9	individual's records expunged except as otherwise may
10	be provided in this Act, or diminish or abrogate any
11	rights or remedies otherwise available to the
12	individual.
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13 14 15 16 17 18	(2) Pardons Authorizing Expungement of Minor Cannabis Offenses. (A) Upon June 25, 2019 (the effective date of Public Act 101-27), the Department of State Police shall review all criminal history record information and identify all records that meet all of the following criteria:
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13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21	<pre>(2) Pardons Authorizing Expungement of Minor Cannabis Offenses.  (A) Upon June 25, 2019 (the effective date of Public Act 101-27), the Department of State Police shall review all criminal history record information and identify all records that meet all of the following criteria:  (i) one or more convictions for a Minor Cannabis Offense;</pre>

(iii) the conviction identified in paragraph

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- (B) Within 180 days after June 25, 2019 (the effective date of Public Act 101-27), the Department of State Police shall notify the Prisoner Review Board of all such records that meet the criteria established in paragraph (2)(A).
  - (i) The Prisoner Review Board shall notify the State's Attorney of the county of conviction of each record identified by State Police in paragraph (2)(A) that is classified as a Class 4 felony. The State's Attorney may provide a written objection to the Prisoner Review Board on the sole basis that the record identified does not meet the criteria established in paragraph (2)(A). Such an objection must be filed within 60 days or by such later date set by the Prisoner Review Board in the notice after the State's Attorney received notice from the Prisoner Review Board.
  - (ii) In response to a written objection from a State's Attorney, the Prisoner Review Board is authorized to conduct a non-public hearing to evaluate the information provided in the objection.
    - (iii) The Prisoner Review Board shall make a

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confidential and privileged recommendation to the Governor as to whether to grant a pardon authorizing expungement for each of the records identified by the Department of State Police as described in paragraph (2) (A).

(C) If an individual has been granted a pardon authorizing expungement as described in this Section, Prisoner Review Board, through the Attorney General, shall file a petition for expungement with the Chief Judge of the circuit or any judge of the circuit designated by the Chief Judge where individual had been convicted. Such petition may include more than one individual. Whenever individual who has been convicted of an offense is granted a pardon by the Governor that specifically authorizes expungement, an objection to the petition may not be filed. Petitions to expunge under this subsection (i) may include more than one individual. Within 90 days of the filing of such a petition, the court shall enter an order expunging the records of arrest from the official records of the arresting authority and order that the records of the circuit court clerk and the Illinois State Police be expunged 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

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Act in connection with the arrest and conviction for the offense for which the individual had received a pardon but the order shall not affect any index issued by the circuit court clerk before the entry of the order. Upon entry of the order of expungement, the circuit court clerk shall promptly provide a copy of the order and a certificate of disposition to the individual who was pardoned to the individual's last known address or by electronic means (if available) or otherwise make it available to the individual upon request.

- (D) Nothing in this Section is intended to diminish or abrogate any rights or remedies otherwise available to the individual.
- (3) Any individual may file a motion to vacate and expunge a conviction for a misdemeanor or Class 4 felony violation of Section 4 or Section 5 of the Cannabis Control Act. Motions to vacate and expunge under this subsection (i) may be filed with the circuit court, Chief Judge of a judicial circuit or any judge of the circuit designated by the Chief Judge. The circuit court clerk shall promptly serve a copy of the motion to vacate and expunge, and any supporting documentation, on the State's Attorney or prosecutor charged with the duty of prosecuting the offense. When considering such a motion to vacate and expunge, a court shall consider the following:

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(4) Any State's Attorney may file a motion to vacate and expunge a conviction for a misdemeanor or Class 4 felony violation of Section 4 or Section 5 of the Cannabis Control Act. Motions to vacate and expunge under this

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(5) In the public interest, the State's Attorney of a county has standing to file motions to vacate and expunge pursuant to this Section in the circuit court with

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jurisdiction over the underlying conviction.

- (6) If a person is arrested for a Minor Cannabis Offense as defined in this Section before June 25, 2019 (the effective date of Public Act 101-27) and the person's case is still pending but a sentence has not been imposed, the person may petition the court in which the charges are pending for an order to summarily dismiss those charges against him or her, and expunge all official records of his or her arrest, plea, trial, conviction, incarceration, supervision, or expungement. If the court determines, upon review, that: (A) the person was arrested before June 25, 2019 (the effective date of Public Act 101-27) for an offense that has been made eligible for expungement; (B) the case is pending at the time; and (C) the person has not been sentenced of the minor cannabis violation eligible for expungement under this subsection, the court shall consider the following: the reasons to retain the records provided by law enforcement, the petitioner's age, the petitioner's age at the time of offense, the time since the conviction, and the specific adverse consequences if denied. If a motion to dismiss and expunge is granted, the records shall be expunded in accordance with subparagraph (d)(9)(A) of this Section.
- (7) A person imprisoned solely as a result of one or more convictions for Minor Cannabis Offenses under this subsection (i) shall be released from incarceration upon

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1 the issuance of an order under this subsection.

- (8) The Illinois State Police shall allow a person to use the access and review process, established in the Illinois State Police, for verifying that his or records relating to Minor Cannabis Offenses of Cannabis Control Act eligible under this Section have been expunged.
- (9) No conviction vacated pursuant to this Section shall serve as the basis for damages for time unjustly served as provided in the Court of Claims Act.
- (10) Effect of Expungement. A person's right to expunge an expungeable offense shall not be limited under this Section. The effect of an order of expungement shall be to restore the person to the status he or she occupied before the arrest, charge, or conviction.
- (11) Information. The Illinois State Police shall post general information on its website about the expungement process described in this subsection (i).
- (j) Felony Prostitution Convictions.
- (1) Any individual may file a motion to vacate and expunge a conviction for a prior Class 4 felony violation of prostitution. Motions to vacate and expunge under this subsection (j) may be filed with the circuit court, Chief Judge of a judicial circuit, or any judge of the circuit designated by the Chief Judge. When considering the motion to vacate and expunge, a court shall consider the

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  - (B) the petitioner's age;
  - (C) the petitioner's age at the time of offense; and
  - the time since the conviction, specific adverse consequences if denied. An individual may file the petition after the completion of any sentence or condition imposed by the conviction. Within 60 days of the filing of the motion, a State's Attorney may file an objection to the petition along with supporting evidence. If a motion to vacate and expunge is granted, the records shall be expunged in accordance with subparagraph (d)(9)(A) of this Section. An agency providing civil legal aid, as defined in Section 15 of the Public Interest Attorney Assistance Act, assisting individuals seeking to file a motion to vacate and expunge under this subsection may file motions to vacate and expunge with the Chief Judge of a judicial circuit or any judge of the circuit designated by the Chief Judge, and the motion may include more than one individual.
  - (2) Any State's Attorney may file a motion to vacate and expunge a conviction for a Class 4 felony violation of prostitution. Motions to vacate and expunge under this

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Judge of a judicial circuit, or any judge of the circuit
court designated by the Chief Judge, and may include more
than one individual. When considering the motion to vacate
and expunge, a court shall consider the following reasons:

- (A) the reasons to retain the records provided by law enforcement:
  - (B) the petitioner's age;
  - (C) the petitioner's age at the time of offense;
  - (D) the time since the conviction; and
  - (E) the specific adverse consequences if denied.

If the State's Attorney files a motion to vacate and expunge records for felony prostitution convictions pursuant to this Section, the State's Attorney shall notify the Prisoner Review Board within 30 days of the filing. If a motion to vacate and expunge is granted, the records shall be expunged in accordance with subparagraph (d) (9) (A) of this Section.

- (3) In the public interest, the State's Attorney of a county has standing to file motions to vacate and expunge pursuant to this Section in the circuit court with jurisdiction over the underlying conviction.
- (4) The Illinois State Police shall allow a person to a use the access and review process, established in the Illinois State Police, for verifying that his or her records relating to felony prostitution eligible under

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- 1 this Section have been expunded.
- (5) No conviction vacated pursuant to this Section 2 3 shall serve as the basis for damages for time unjustly served as provided in the Court of Claims Act. 4
  - (6) Effect of Expungement. A person's right to expunge an expungeable offense shall not be limited under this Section. The effect of an order of expungement shall be to restore the person to the status he or she occupied before the arrest, charge, or conviction.
- 10 (7) Information. The Illinois State Police shall post general information on its website about the expungement 11 process described in this subsection (j). 12
- 13 (Source: P.A. 102-145, eff. 7-23-21; 102-558, 8-20-21;
- 102-639, eff. 8-27-21; 102-813, eff. 5-13-22; 102-933, eff. 14
- 15 1-1-23; 103-35, eff. 1-1-24; 103-154, eff. 6-30-23; 103-609,
- eff. 7-1-24; 103-755, eff. 8-2-24; revised 4-1-25.) 16
- 17 (Text of Section after amendment by P.A. 103-1071)
- 18 Sec. 5.2. Expungement, sealing, and immediate sealing.
- 19 (a) General Provisions.
  - (1) Definitions. In this Act, words and phrases have the meanings set forth in this subsection, except when a particular context clearly requires a different meaning.
- 23 (A) The following terms shall have the meanings 24 ascribed to them in the following Sections of the 25 Unified Code of Corrections:

1	Business Offense, Section 5-1-2.
2	Charge, Section 5-1-3.
3	Court, Section 5-1-6.
4	Defendant, Section 5-1-7.
5	Felony, Section 5-1-9.
6	Imprisonment, Section 5-1-10.
7	Judgment, Section 5-1-12.
8	Misdemeanor, Section 5-1-14.
9	Offense, Section 5-1-15.
10	Parole, Section 5-1-16.
11	Petty Offense, Section 5-1-17.
12	Probation, Section 5-1-18.
13	Sentence, Section 5-1-19.
14	Supervision, Section 5-1-21.
15	Victim, Section 5-1-22.
16	(B) As used in this Section, "charge not initiated
17	by arrest" means a charge (as defined by Section 5-1-3
18	of the Unified Code of Corrections) brought against a
19	defendant where the defendant is not arrested prior to
20	or as a direct result of the charge.
21	(C) "Conviction" means a judgment of conviction or
22	sentence entered upon a plea of guilty or upon a
23	verdict or finding of guilty of an offense, rendered
24	by a legally constituted jury or by a court of
25	competent jurisdiction authorized to try the case
26	without a jury. An order of supervision successfully

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completed by the petitioner is not a conviction. An order of qualified probation (as defined in subsection (a) (1) (J)) successfully completed by the petitioner is not a conviction. An order of supervision or an order qualified probation that is terminated unsatisfactorily is a conviction, unless unsatisfactory termination is reversed, vacated, or modified and the judgment of conviction, if any, is reversed or vacated.

- (D) "Criminal offense" means a petty offense, business offense, misdemeanor, felony, or municipal ordinance violation defined in subsection (as (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.
- "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 required by subsections (d)(9)(A)(ii) as (d)(9)(B)(ii).
- (F) As used in this Section, "last sentence" means the sentence, order of supervision, or order of

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qualified probation (as defined by subsection (a)(1)(J)), for a criminal offense (as defined by subsection (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. If multiple sentences, orders of supervision, or orders of qualified probation terminate on the same day and last in time, they shall be collectively are considered the "last sentence" regardless of whether they were ordered to run concurrently.

- (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.
- (G-5) "Minor Cannabis Offense" means a violation of Section 4 or 5 of the Cannabis Control Act concerning not more than 30 grams of any substance containing cannabis, provided the violation did not include a penalty enhancement under Section 7 of the Cannabis Control Act and is not associated with an arrest, conviction or other disposition for a violent crime as defined in subsection (c) of Section 3 of the Rights of Crime Victims and Witnesses Act.
  - "Municipal ordinance violation" means an

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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.

- (I) "Petitioner" means an adult or a minor 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 5-6-3.3 or 5-6-3.4 of the Unified Code of Corrections, 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 Substance Use Disorder 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 Illinois Alcoholism and Other Drug Dependency Act and Section 40-10 of the Substance Use Disorder Act means that the probation was terminated satisfactorily and the judgment of conviction was vacated.
  - (K) (i) Except as provided in subdivision (ii),

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"seal" "Seal" means to physically and electronically maintain the records, unless the records would otherwise be destroyed due to age, but to make the records unavailable without a court order, subject to the exceptions in Sections 12 and 13 of this Act. The petitioner's name shall also be obliterated from the official index required to be kept by the circuit court clerk under Section 16 of the Clerks of Courts Act, but any index issued by the circuit court clerk before the entry of the order to seal shall not be affected.

(ii) For records subject to relief under subsection (k) of this Section, "seal" means to physically and electronically maintain the records, unless the records would otherwise be destroyed due to age, but to have the records impounded, as defined in paragraph (2) of subsection (b) of Section 5 of the Court Record and Document Accessibility Act. The defendant's name shall also be obliterated from the official index required to be kept by the circuit court clerk under Section 16 of the Clerks of Courts Act. Upon request, and without court order, the circuit court clerk shall provide to the Illinois State Police the disposition information for any record that was ordered to be sealed or impounded pursuant to this Section.

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- (L) "Sexual offense committed against a minor" 1 includes, but is not limited to, the offenses of 2 indecent solicitation of a child or criminal sexual 3 abuse when the victim of such offense is under 18 years 4 of age. 5
  - (M) "Terminate" as it relates to a sentence or order of supervision or qualified probation includes either satisfactory or unsatisfactory termination of the sentence, unless otherwise specified in this Section. A sentence is terminated notwithstanding any outstanding financial legal obligation.
  - (2) Minor Traffic Offenses. Orders of supervision or convictions for minor traffic offenses shall not affect a petitioner's eligibility to expunge or seal records pursuant to this Section.
  - (2.5) Commencing 180 days after July 29, 2016 (the effective date of Public Act 99-697), the law enforcement agency issuing the citation shall automatically expunge, on or before January 1 and July 1 of each year, the law enforcement records of a person found to have committed a civil law violation of subsection (a) of Section 4 of the Cannabis Control Act or subsection (c) of Section 3.5 of the Drug Paraphernalia Control Act in the law enforcement agency's possession or control and which contains the final satisfactory disposition which pertain to the person issued a citation for that offense. The law enforcement

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(3) Exclusions. Except as otherwise provided in subsections (b)(5), (b)(6), (b)(8), (e), (e-5), and (e-6) of this Section, the court shall not order:

issued a citation for any of those offenses.

(A) the sealing or expungement of the records of arrests or charges not initiated by arrest that result in an order of supervision for or conviction of: (i) any sexual offense committed against a minor; (ii) Section 11-501 of the Illinois Vehicle Code or a similar provision of a local ordinance; or (iii) Section 11-503 of the Illinois Vehicle Code or a similar provision of a local ordinance, unless the arrest or charge is for a misdemeanor violation of

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1	subsection (a) of Section 11-503 or a similar
2	provision of a local ordinance, that occurred prior to
3	the offender reaching the age of 25 years and the
4	offender has no other conviction for violating Section
5	11-501 or 11-503 of the Illinois Vehicle Code or a
6	similar provision of a local ordinance.
7	(B) the sealing or expungement of records of minor
8	traffic offenses (as defined in subsection (a)(1)(G)),
9	unless the petitioner was arrested and released
10	without charging.
11	(C) the sealing of the records of arrests or
12	charges not initiated by arrest which result in an
13	order of supervision or a conviction for the following
14	offenses:
15	(i) offenses included in Article 11 of the
16	Criminal Code of 1961 or the Criminal Code of 2012
17	or a similar provision of a local ordinance,
18	except Section 11-14 and a misdemeanor violation
19	of Section 11-30 of the Criminal Code of 1961 or
20	the Criminal Code of 2012, or a similar provision
21	of a local ordinance;
22	(ii) Section 11-1.50, 12-3.4, 12-15, 12-30,
23	26-5, or 48-1 of the Criminal Code of 1961 or the
24	Criminal Code of 2012, or a similar provision of a

(iii) Section 12-3.1 or 12-3.2 of the Criminal

local ordinance;

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Code of 1961 or the Criminal Code of 2012, or Section 125 of the Stalking No Contact Order Act, or Section 219 of the Civil No Contact Order Act, or a similar provision of a local ordinance;

- (iv) Class A misdemeanors or felony offenses under the Humane Care for Animals Act; or
- (v) any offense or attempted offense that would subject a person to registration under the Sex Offender Registration Act.
- (D) (blank).

## (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 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 completed by the petitioner.
- (1.5) When a petitioner seeks to have a record of arrest expunged under this Section, and the petitioner

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offender has been convicted of a criminal offense, the State's Attorney may object to the expungement on the grounds that the records contain specific relevant information aside from the mere fact of the arrest.

- (2) Time frame for filing a petition to expunge.
- (A) When the arrest or charge not initiated by arrest sought to be expunged resulted in an acquittal, dismissal, the petitioner's release without charging, or the reversal or vacation of a conviction, there is no waiting period to petition for the expungement of such records.
- (A-5) In anticipation of the successful completion of a problem-solving court, pre-plea diversion, or post-plea diversion program, а petition for be filed expungement may 61 days before the anticipated dismissal of the case or anv thereafter. Upon successful completion of the program and dismissal of the case, the court shall review the petition of the person graduating from the program and shall grant expungement if the petitioner meets all requirements as specified in any applicable statute.
- (B) When the arrest or charge not initiated by arrest sought to be expunded resulted in an order of supervision, successfully completed by the petitioner, the following time frames will apply:
  - (i) Those arrests or charges that resulted in

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orders of supervision under Section 3-707, 3-708, 3-710, or 5-401.3 of the Illinois Vehicle Code or a similar provision of a local ordinance, or under Section 11-1.50, 12-3.2, or 12-15 of the Criminal Code of 1961 or the Criminal Code of 2012, or a similar provision of a local ordinance, shall not be eligible for expungement until 5 years have passed following the satisfactory termination of the supervision.

(i-5) Those arrests or charges that resulted in orders of supervision for a misdemeanor violation of subsection (a) of Section 11-503 of the Illinois Vehicle Code or a similar provision of a local ordinance, that occurred prior to the petitioner offender reaching the age of 25 years petitioner <del>offender</del> has no conviction for violating Section 11-501 or 11-503 of the Illinois Vehicle Code or a similar provision of a local ordinance shall not be eligible for expungement until the petitioner has reached the age of 25 years.

(ii) Those arrests or charges that resulted in orders of supervision for any other offenses shall not be eligible for expungement until 2 years have passed following the satisfactory termination of the supervision.

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1 (C) When the arrest or charge not initiated by
2 arrest sought to be expunged resulted in an order of
3 qualified probation, successfully completed by the
4 petitioner, such records shall not be eligible for
5 expungement until 5 years have passed following the

satisfactory termination of the probation.

- (3) Those records maintained by the Illinois State Police for persons arrested prior to their 17th birthday shall be expunged as provided in Section 5-915 of the Juvenile Court Act of 1987.
- Whenever a person has been arrested for or convicted of any offense, in the name of a person whose identity he or she 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 or her 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 Illinois State Police, other criminal justice agencies, prosecutor, and the trial court concerning such arrest, if any, by removing his or her name from all such records in connection with the arrest and conviction, if any, and by inserting in the records the name of the

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petitioner offender, if known or ascertainable, in lieu of the aggrieved's name. The records of the 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 Illinois State Police or other criminal justice agencies or listing under prosecutors from a petitioner's an offender's name the false names he or she has used.

(5) Whenever a person has been convicted of criminal 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 circuit court clerk in connection with the proceedings of the trial court concerning that offense. However, the records of the arresting authority and the Illinois State Police concerning the offense shall not be sealed. The court, upon good cause shown, shall make the records of the circuit court clerk in connection

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with the proceedings of the trial court concerning the 1 offense available for public inspection. 2

- (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 that finds the petitioner factually innocent of the charge shall enter an expungement order for the conviction for which the petitioner has been determined to be innocent as provided in subsection (b) of Section 5-5-4 of the Unified Code of Corrections.
- (7) Nothing in this Section shall prevent the Illinois State Police from maintaining all records of any person who is admitted to probation upon terms and conditions and 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 5-6-3.3 or 5-6-3.4 of the Unified Code of Corrections, Section 12-4.3 or subdivision (b)(1) of Section 12-3.05 of the Criminal Code of 1961 or the Criminal Code of 2012, Section 10-102 of the Illinois Alcoholism and Other Drug Dependency Act, Section 40-10 of the Substance Use Disorder Act, or Section 10 of the Steroid Control Act.
  - (8) If the petitioner has been granted a certificate

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of innocence under Section 2-702 of the Code of Civil Procedure, the court that grants the certificate of innocence shall also enter an order expunging the conviction for which the petitioner has been determined to be innocent as provided in subsection (h) of Section 2-702 of the Code of Civil Procedure.

## (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. Subsection (g) of this Section provides for immediate sealing of certain records.
- (2) Eligible Records. The following records may be sealed:
  - (A) All arrests resulting in release without charging;
  - (B) Arrests or charges not initiated by arrest resulting in acquittal, dismissal, or conviction when the conviction was reversed or vacated, except as excluded by subsection (a) (3) (B);
  - (C) Arrests or charges not initiated by arrest resulting in orders of supervision, including orders of supervision for municipal ordinance violations, successfully completed by the petitioner, unless excluded by subsection (a) (3);

1	<u>(C-5) Arrests or charges not initiated by arrest</u>
2	resulting in orders of qualified probation;
3	(D) Arrests or charges not initiated by arrest
4	resulting in convictions with sentences of conditional
5	discharge or probation, completed without revocation
6	by the petitioner, including convictions on municipal
7	ordinance violations, unless otherwise excluded by
8	subsection (a)(3);
9	(E) Arrests or charges not initiated by arrest
10	resulting in misdemeanor convictions not included in
11	subsection (c)(2)(D), including convictions or
12	municipal ordinance violations, unless excluded by
13	subsection (a)(3) orders of first offender probation
14	under Section 10 of the Cannabis Control Act, Section
15	410 of the Illinois Controlled Substances Act, Section
16	70 of the Methamphetamine Control and Community
17	Protection Act, or Section 5 6 3.3 of the Unified Code
18	of Corrections; and
19	(F) Arrests or charges not initiated by arrest
20	resulting in felony convictions not included in
21	subsection (c)(2)(D) unless otherwise excluded by
22	subsection $(a)(3)$ $(a)$ paragraph $(3)$ of this Section.
23	(3) When Records Are Eligible to Be Sealed. Records
24	identified as eligible under subsection (c)(2) may be
25	sealed as follows:

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1 subsections (c)(2)(A) and (c)(2)(B) may be sealed at 2 any time.

- Records Except as otherwise provided in subparagraph (E) of this paragraph (3), records identified as eligible under subsection (c)(2)(C), (c) (2)(C-5), (c) (2)(D), or (c) (2)(E) may be sealed 2 years after the termination of petitioner's last sentence (as defined in subsection (a) (1) (F)).
- (C) Except as otherwise provided in subparagraphs (B) and subparagraph (E) of this paragraph (3), records identified as eligible under subsection subsections (c) (2) (D), (c) (2) (E), and (c) (2) (F) may be sealed 3 years after the termination of petitioner's last sentence (as defined in subsection (a) (1) (F)). Convictions requiring public registration under the Arsonist Registry Act, the Sex Offender Registration Act, or the Murderer and Violent Offender Against Youth Registration Act may not be sealed until the petitioner is no longer required to register under that relevant Act.
- identified (D) Records in subsection (a)(3)(A)(iii) may be sealed after the petitioner has reached the age of 25 years.
- Records identified eligible (E)as under subsection (c) (2) (C), (c) (2) (D), (c) (2) (E),(c)(2)(F) may be sealed upon termination of the

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petitioner's last sentence if the petitioner earned a high school diploma, associate's degree, career certificate, vocational technical certification, or bachelor's degree, or passed the high school level Test of General Educational Development, during the period of his or her sentence or mandatory supervised release. This subparagraph shall apply only to a petitioner who has not completed the same educational goal prior to the period of his or her sentence or mandatory supervised release. If a petition for sealing eligible records filed under this subparagraph is denied by the court, the time periods under subparagraph (B) or (C) shall apply to any subsequent petition for sealing filed by the petitioner.

- (4) (Blank). Subsequent felony convictions. A person may not have subsequent felony conviction records sealed as 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 eligible record under this subsection (c), the petitioner shall be informed by the court of the

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- right to have the records sealed and the procedures for the sealing of the records.
  - (d) Procedure. The following procedures apply to expungement under subsections (b), (e), and (e-6) and sealing under subsections (c) and (e-5):
    - (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, except no fee shall be required if the petitioner has obtained a court order waiving fees under Supreme Court Rule 298 or it is otherwise waived.
    - (1.5) County fee waiver pilot program. From August 9, 2019 (the effective date of Public Act 101-306) through December 31, 2020, in a county of 3,000,000 or more inhabitants, no fee shall be required to be paid by a petitioner if the records sought to be expunged or sealed were arrests resulting in release without charging or arrests or charges not initiated by arrest resulting in acquittal, dismissal, or conviction when the conviction was reversed or vacated, unless excluded by subsection

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- (a)(3)(B). The provisions of this paragraph (1.5), other than this sentence, are inoperative on and after January 1, 2022.
  - (2) Contents of petition. The petition shall be verified and shall contain the petitioner's name, date of 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 circuit court clerk of any change of his or her address. If the petitioner has received a certificate of eligibility for sealing from the Prisoner Review Board under paragraph (10) of subsection (a) of Section 3-3-2 of the Unified Code of Corrections, the certificate shall be attached to the petition.
  - (3) (Blank). Drug test. The petitioner must attach to the petition proof that the petitioner has taken within 30 days before the filing of the petition a test showing the absence within his or her body of all illegal substances as defined by the Illinois Controlled Substances Act and the Methamphetamine Control and Community Protection Act if he or she is petitioning to:
    - (A) seal felony records under clause (c) (2) (E);
    - (B) seal felony records for a violation of the

1	Illinois Controlled Substances Act, the
2	Methamphetamine Control and Community Protection Act,
3	or the Cannabis Control Act under clause (c) (2) (F);
4	(C) seal felony records under subsection (e-5); or
5	(D) expunge felony records of a qualified
6	probation under clause (b) (1) (iv).
7	(4) Service of petition. The circuit court clerk shall
8	promptly serve a copy of the petition and documentation to
9	support the petition under subsection (e-5) or (e-6) on
10	the State's Attorney or prosecutor charged with the duty
11	of prosecuting the offense, the Illinois State Police, the

## (5) Objections.

effecting the arrest.

(A) Any party entitled to notice of the petition may file an objection to the petition. All objections shall be in writing, shall be filed with the circuit court clerk, and shall state with specificity the basis of the objection. Whenever a person who has been convicted of an offense is granted a pardon by the Governor which specifically authorizes expungement, an objection to the petition may not be filed.

arresting agency, and, for municipal ordinance violations,

the chief legal officer of the unit of local government

(B) Objections to a petition to expunge or seal must be filed within 60 days of the date of service of the petition.

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(6) Entry of order.

- (A) 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 petitioner's trial, if any, shall rule on the petition to expunge or seal as set forth in this subsection (d)(6).
- (B) Unless the State's Attorney or prosecutor, the Illinois State Police, the arresting agency, or the chief legal officer files an objection to the petition to expunge or seal within 60 days from the date of service of the petition, the court shall enter an order granting or denying the petition.
- (C) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the court shall not deny a petition for sealing under this Section because the petitioner has not satisfied an outstanding legal financial obligation established, imposed, or originated by a court, law enforcement agency, or a municipal, State, county, or other unit of local government, including, but not limited to, any cost, assessment, fine, or fee. An outstanding legal financial obligation does not include any court ordered restitution to a victim under Section 5-5-6 of Unified Code of Corrections, unless the restitution has been converted to a civil judgment.

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Nothing in this subparagraph (C) waives, rescinds, or abrogates a legal financial obligation or otherwise eliminates or affects the right of the holder of any financial obligation to pursue collection under applicable federal, State, or local law.

- of law, the court shall not deny a petition to expunge or seal under this Section because the petitioner has submitted a drug test taken within 30 days before the filing of the petition to expunge or seal that indicates a positive test for the presence of cannabis within the petitioner's body. In this subparagraph (D), "cannabis" has the meaning ascribed to it in Section 3 of the Cannabis Control Act.
- (7) Hearings. If an objection is filed, the court shall set a date for a hearing and notify the petitioner and all parties entitled to notice of the petition of the hearing date at least 30 days prior to the hearing. Prior to the hearing, the State's Attorney shall consult with the Illinois State Police as to the appropriateness of the relief sought in the petition to expunge or seal. At the hearing, the court shall hear evidence on whether the petition should or should not be granted, and shall grant or deny the petition to expunge or seal the records based on the evidence presented at the hearing. The court may consider the following:

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L	(A)	the	strength	of	the	evider	nce	supp	orting	the
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3	(B)	the	reasons	for	rete	ention	of	the	convic	tion

- (B) the reasons for retention of the conviction records by the State;
- (C) the petitioner's age, criminal record history, and employment history;
- (D) the period of time between the petitioner's arrest on the charge resulting in the conviction and the filing of the petition under this Section; and
- (E) the specific adverse consequences the petitioner may be subject to if the petition is denied.
- (8) Service of order. After entering an order to expunge or seal records, the court must provide copies of the order to the Illinois State Police, in a form and manner prescribed by the Illinois State Police, 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 for municipal ordinance violations, and to such other criminal justice agencies as may be ordered by the court. The disposition information for each case or record ordered expunged, sealed, or impounded shall be attached to the order provided to the Illinois State Police.
  - (9) Implementation of order.

1	(A) Upon entry of an order to expunge records
2	pursuant to subsection (b)(2)(A) or (b)(2)(B)(ii), or
3	both:
4	(i) the records shall be expunged (as defined
5	in subsection (a)(1)(E)) by the arresting agency,
6	the Illinois State Police, and any other agency as
7	ordered by the court, within 60 days of the date of
8	service of the order, unless a motion to vacate,
9	modify, or reconsider the order is filed pursuant
10	to paragraph (12) of subsection (d) of this
11	Section;
12	(ii) the records of the circuit court clerk
13	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) in response to an inquiry for expunged
22	records, the court, the Illinois State Police, or
23	the agency receiving such inquiry, shall reply as
24	it does in response to inquiries when no records
25	ever existed.

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pursuant to subsection (b)(2)(B)(i) or (b)(2)(C), or 1 both: 2 3 (i) the records shall be expunded (as defined in subsection (a)(1)(E)) by the arresting agency 4 5 and any other agency as ordered by the court, within 60 days of the date of service of the order, 6 7 unless a motion to vacate, modify, or reconsider 8 the order is filed pursuant to paragraph (12) of 9 subsection (d) of this Section; (ii) the records of the circuit court clerk 10 11 shall be impounded until further order of the 12 court upon good cause shown and the name of the 13 petitioner obliterated on the official index 14 required to be kept by the circuit court clerk 15 under Section 16 of the Clerks of Courts Act, but 16 the order shall not affect any index issued by the 17 circuit court clerk before the entry of the order; (iii) the records shall be impounded by the 18 19 Illinois State Police within 60 days of the date 20 of service of the order as ordered by the court, 2.1 unless a motion to vacate, modify, or reconsider 22 the order is filed pursuant to paragraph (12) of subsection (d) of this Section; 23 24 (iv) records impounded by the Illinois State 25 Police may be disseminated by the Illinois State

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1	authority, the State's Attorney, and the court
2	upon a later arrest for the same or a similar
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4	subsequent felony, and to the Department of
5	Corrections upon conviction for any offense; and
6	(v) in response to an inquiry for such records
7	from anyone not authorized by law to access such
8	records, the court, the Illinois State Police, or
9	the agency receiving such inquiry shall reply as
10	it does in response to inquiries when no records
11	ever existed.
12	(B-5) Upon entry of an order to expunge records
13	under subsection (e-6):
14	(i) the records shall be expunged (as defined
15	in subsection (a)(1)(E)) by the arresting agency
16	and any other agency as ordered by the court,
17	within 60 days of the date of service of the order,
18	unless a motion to vacate, modify, or reconsider
19	the order is filed under paragraph (12) of
20	subsection (d) of this Section;
21	(ii) the records of the circuit court clerk
22	shall be impounded until further order of the
23	court upon good cause shown and the name of the
24	petitioner obliterated on the official index
25	required to be kept by the circuit court clerk

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subsection (a)(1)(K)). In response to an inquiry for such records, from anyone not authorized by law to access such records, the court, the Illinois State Police, or the agency receiving such inquiry shall reply as it does in response to inquiries when no records ever existed.

- (D) The Illinois State Police shall send written notice to the petitioner of its compliance with each order to expunge or seal records within 60 days of the date of service of that order or, if a motion to vacate, modify, or reconsider is filed, within 60 days of service of the order resolving the motion, if that order requires the Illinois State Police to expunge or seal records. In the event of an appeal from the circuit court order, the Illinois State Police shall send written notice to the petitioner of its compliance with an Appellate Court or Supreme Court judgment to expunge or seal records within 60 days of the issuance of the court's mandate. The notice is not required while any motion to vacate, modify, or reconsider, appeal petition or any or for discretionary appellate review, is pending.
- (E) Upon motion, the court may order that a sealed or other court record necessary demonstrate the amount of any legal financial obligation due and owing be made available for the

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limited purpose of collecting any legal financial obligations owed by the petitioner that established, imposed, or originated in the criminal proceeding for which those records have been sealed. The records made available under this subparagraph (E) shall not be entered into the official index required to be kept by the circuit court clerk under Section 16 of the Clerks of Courts Act and shall be immediately re-impounded upon the collection of the outstanding financial obligations.

- (F) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section, a circuit court clerk may access a sealed record for the limited purpose of collecting payment any legal financial obligations that established, imposed, or originated in the criminal proceedings for which those records have been sealed.
- (10) Fees. The Illinois State Police may charge the petitioner a fee equivalent to the cost of processing any order to expunge or seal records. Notwithstanding any provision of the Clerks of Courts Act to the contrary, the circuit court clerk may charge a fee equivalent to the cost associated with the sealing or expungement of records by the circuit court clerk. From the total filing fee collected for the petition to seal or expunge, the circuit court clerk shall deposit \$10 into the Circuit Court Clerk Operation and Administrative Fund, to be used to offset

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costs incurred by the circuit court clerk performing the additional duties required to serve the petition to seal or expunge on all parties. The circuit court clerk shall collect and remit the Illinois State Police portion of the fee to the State Treasurer and it shall be deposited in the State Police Services Fund. If the record brought under an expungement petition was previously sealed under this Section, the fee for the expungement petition for that same record shall be waived.

- (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. Under Section 2-1203 of the Code of Civil Procedure, the petitioner or any party entitled to notice may file a motion to vacate, modify, or reconsider the order granting or denying the petition to expunge or seal within 60 days of service of the order. If filed more than 60 days after service of the order, a petition to vacate, modify, or reconsider shall comply with subsection (c) of Section 2-1401 of the Code of Civil Procedure. Upon filing of a motion to vacate, modify, or reconsider, notice of the motion shall be served upon the petitioner and all parties entitled to notice of the petition.

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- (13) Effect of Order. An order granting a petition under the expungement or sealing provisions of this Section shall not be considered void because it fails to comply with the provisions of this Section or because of any error asserted in a motion to vacate, modify, or reconsider. The circuit court retains jurisdiction to determine whether the order is voidable and to vacate, modify, or reconsider its terms based on a motion filed under paragraph (12) of this subsection (d).
- (14) Compliance with Order Granting Petition to Seal Records. Unless a court has entered a stay of an order granting a petition to seal, all parties entitled to notice of the petition must fully comply with the terms of the order within 60 days of service of the order even if a party is seeking relief from the order through a motion filed under paragraph (12) of this subsection (d) or is appealing the order.
- (15) Compliance with Order Granting Petition to Expunge Records. While a party is seeking relief from the order granting the petition to expunge through a motion filed under paragraph (12) of this subsection (d) or is appealing the order, and unless a court has entered a stay of that order, the parties entitled to notice of the petition must seal, but need not expunge, the records until there is a final order on the motion for relief or, in the case of an appeal, the issuance of that court's

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- (16) The changes to this subsection (d) made by Public Act 98-163 apply to all petitions pending on August 5, 2013 (the effective date of Public Act 98-163) and to all orders ruling on a petition to expunge or seal on or after August 5, 2013 (the effective date of Public Act 98-163).
- (17) Upon request, and without court order, the circuit court clerk shall provide the disposition information for any record that was ordered to be sealed or impounded pursuant to this Section to the Illinois State Police.
- (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, 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 circuit court clerk and the Illinois State Police 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

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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 Illinois State Police may be disseminated by the Illinois State Police only 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 Illinois State Police pertaining to that individual. Upon entry of the order of expungement, the circuit court clerk shall promptly mail a copy of the order to the person who was pardoned.

(e-5) Whenever a person who has been convicted of an offense is granted a certificate of eligibility for sealing by the Prisoner Review Board which specifically authorizes sealing, 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 petitioner's trial, have a court order entered sealing the record of arrest from the official records of the arresting authority and order that the records of the circuit court clerk and the Illinois State Police be sealed until further order of the court upon good cause shown or as otherwise provided herein, and the name of the petitioner

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(e-6) Whenever a person who has been convicted of an offense is granted a certificate of eligibility for expungement by the Prisoner Review Board 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 petitioner's trial, have a court

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(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

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random sample of those who apply for the sealing of their criminal records under Public Act 93-211. 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 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, 2010.

- (g) Immediate Sealing.
- (1) Applicability. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act to the contrary, and cumulative with any rights to expungement or sealing of criminal records, this subsection authorizes the immediate sealing of criminal records of adults and of minors prosecuted as adults.
- (2) Eligible Records. Arrests or charges not initiated by arrest resulting in acquittal or dismissal with prejudice, except as excluded by subsection (a)(3)(B), that occur on or after January 1, 2018 (the effective date of Public Act 100-282), may be sealed immediately if the petition is filed with the circuit court clerk on the same day and during the same hearing in which the case is disposed.
- When Records are Eligible to be Immediately (3) Sealed. Eligible records under paragraph (2) of this subsection (g) may be sealed immediately after entry of

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the final disposition of a case, notwithstanding the disposition of other charges in the same case.

- (4) Notice of Eligibility for Immediate Sealing. Upon entry of a disposition for an eligible record under this subsection (q), the defendant shall be informed by the court of his or her right to have eligible records immediately sealed and the procedure for the immediate sealing of these records.
- Procedure. The following procedures apply to immediate sealing under this subsection (g).
  - (A) Filing the Petition. Upon entry of the final disposition of the case, the defendant's attorney may immediately petition the court, on behalf of the defendant, for immediate sealing of eligible records under paragraph (2) of this subsection (g) that are entered on or after January 1, 2018 (the effective date of Public Act 100-282). The immediate sealing petition may be filed with the circuit court clerk during the hearing in which the final disposition of the case is entered. If the defendant's attorney does not file the petition for immediate sealing during the hearing, the defendant may file a petition for sealing at any time as authorized under subsection (c)(3)(A).
  - (B) Contents of Petition. The immediate sealing petition shall be verified and shall contain the petitioner's name, date of birth, current address, and

drug test.

-	for each eligible record, the case number, the date of
2	arrest if applicable, the identity of the arresting
3	authority if applicable, and other information as the
1	court may require.
5	(C) Drug Test. The petitioner shall not be
ō	required to attach proof that he or she has passed a

- (D) Service of Petition. A copy of the petition shall be served on the State's Attorney in open court. The petitioner shall not be required to serve a copy of the petition on any other agency.
- (E) Entry of Order. The presiding trial judge shall enter an order granting or denying the petition for immediate sealing during the hearing in which it is filed. Petitions for immediate sealing shall be ruled on in the same hearing in which the final disposition of the case is entered.
- (F) Hearings. The court shall hear the petition for immediate sealing on the same day and during the same hearing in which the disposition is rendered.
- (G) Service of Order. An order to immediately seal eligible records shall be served in conformance with subsection (d) (8).
- (H) Implementation of Order. An order to immediately seal records shall be implemented in conformance with subsections (d) (9) (C) and (d) (9) (D).

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- (I) Fees. The fee imposed by the circuit court 1 clerk and the Illinois State Police shall comply with 2 3 paragraph (1) of subsection (d) of this Section.
  - (J) Final Order. No court order issued under this subsection (g) shall become final for purposes of appeal until 30 days after service of the order on the petitioner and all parties entitled to service of the order in conformance with subsection (d) (8).
  - (K) Motion to Vacate, Modify, or Reconsider. Under Section 2-1203 of the Code of Civil Procedure, the petitioner, State's Attorney, or the Illinois State Police may file a motion to vacate, modify, or reconsider the order denying the petition immediately seal within 60 days of service of the order. If filed more than 60 days after service of the order, a petition to vacate, modify, or reconsider shall comply with subsection (c) of Section 2-1401 of the Code of Civil Procedure.
  - (上) Effect of Order. An order granting an immediate sealing petition shall not be considered void because it fails to comply with the provisions of this Section or because of an error asserted in a motion to vacate, modify, or reconsider. The circuit court retains jurisdiction to determine whether the is voidable, and to vacate, modify, reconsider its terms based on a motion filed under

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subparagraph (L) of this subsection (g). 1

- (M) Compliance with Order Granting Petition to Seal Records. Unless a court has entered a stay of an order granting a petition to immediately seal, all parties entitled to service of the order must fully comply with the terms of the order within 60 days of service of the order.
- (h) Sealing or vacation and expungement of trafficking victims' crimes.
  - (1) A trafficking victim, as defined by paragraph (10) of subsection (a) of Section 10-9 of the Criminal Code of 2012, may petition for vacation and expungement or immediate sealing of his or her criminal record upon the completion of his or her last sentence if his or her participation in the underlying offense was a result of human trafficking under Section 10-9 of the Criminal Code of 2012 or a severe form of trafficking under the federal Trafficking Victims Protection Act.
  - (1.5) A petition under paragraph (1) shall prepared, signed, and filed in accordance with Supreme Court Rule 9. The court may allow the petitioner to attend any required hearing remotely in accordance with local rules. The court may allow a petition to be filed under seal if the public filing of the petition would constitute a risk of harm to the petitioner.
  - (2) A petitioner under this subsection (h),

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addition to the requirements provided under paragraph (4) of subsection (d) of this Section, shall include in his or her petition a clear and concise statement that: (A) he or she was a victim of human trafficking at the time of the offense; and (B) that his or her participation in the offense was a result of human trafficking under Section 10-9 of the Criminal Code of 2012 or a severe form of trafficking under the federal Trafficking Protection Act.

- (3) If an objection is filed alleging that the petitioner is not entitled to vacation and expungement or immediate sealing under this subsection (h), the court shall conduct a hearing under paragraph (7) of subsection (d) of this Section and the court shall determine whether the petitioner is entitled to vacation and expungement or immediate sealing under this subsection (h). A petitioner is eligible for vacation and expungement or immediate relief under this subsection (h) if he or she shows, by a preponderance of the evidence, that: (A) he or she was a victim of human trafficking at the time of the offense; and (B) that his or her participation in the offense was a result of human trafficking under Section 10-9 of the Criminal Code of 2012 or a severe form of trafficking under the federal Trafficking Victims Protection Act.
- (i) Minor Cannabis Offenses under the Cannabis Control Act.

1	(1) Expungement of Arrest Records of Minor Cannabis
2	Offenses.
3	(A) The Illinois State Police and all law
4	enforcement agencies within the State shall
5	automatically expunge all criminal history records of
6	an arrest, charge not initiated by arrest, order of
7	supervision, or order of qualified probation for a
8	Minor Cannabis Offense committed prior to June 25,
9	2019 (the effective date of Public Act 101-27) if:
10	(i) One year or more has elapsed since the
11	date of the arrest or law enforcement interaction
12	documented in the records; and
13	(ii) No criminal charges were filed relating
14	to the arrest or law enforcement interaction or
15	criminal charges were filed and subsequently
16	dismissed or vacated or the arrestee was
17	acquitted.
18	(B) If the law enforcement agency is unable to
19	verify satisfaction of condition (ii) in paragraph
20	(A), records that satisfy condition (i) in paragraph
21	(A) shall be automatically expunded.
22	(C) Records shall be expunged by the law
23	enforcement agency under the following timelines:
24	(i) Records created prior to June 25, 2019
25	(the effective date of Public Act 101-27), but on

or after January 1, 2013, shall be automatically

expunged prior to January 1, 2021;

2	(ii) Records created prior to January 1, 2013,
3	but on or after January 1, 2000, shall be
4	automatically expunded prior to January 1, 2023;
5	(iii) Records created prior to January 1, 2000
6	shall be automatically expunged prior to January
7	1, 2025.
8	In response to an inquiry for expunged records,
9	the law enforcement agency receiving such inquiry
10	shall reply as it does in response to inquiries when no
11	records ever existed; however, it shall provide a
12	certificate of disposition or confirmation that the
13	record was expunged to the individual whose record was
14	expunged if such a record exists.
15	(D) Nothing in this Section shall be construed to
16	restrict or modify an individual's right to have that
17	individual's records expunged except as otherwise may
18	be provided in this Act, or diminish or abrogate any
19	rights or remedies otherwise available to the
20	individual.
21	(2) Pardons Authorizing Expungement of Minor Cannabis
22	Offenses.
23	(A) Upon June 25, 2019 (the effective date of
24	Public Act 101-27), the Department of State Police
25	shall review all criminal history record information
26	and identify all records that meet all of the

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1	following criteria:
2	(i) one or more convictions for a Minor
3	Cannabis Offense;
4	(ii) the conviction identified in paragraph
5	(2)(A)(i) did not include a penalty enhancement
6	under Section 7 of the Cannabis Control Act; and
7	(iii) the conviction identified in paragraph
8	(2)(A)(i) is not associated with a conviction for
9	a violent crime as defined in subsection (c) of
10	Section 3 of the Rights of Crime Victims and
11	Witnesses Act.
12	(B) Within 180 days after June 25, 2019 (the
13	effective date of Public Act 101-27), the Department
14	of State Police shall notify the Prisoner Review Board
15	of all such records that meet the criteria established
16	in paragraph (2)(A).
17	(i) The Prisoner Review Board shall notify the
18	State's Attorney of the county of conviction of
19	each record identified by State Police in
20	paragraph (2)(A) that is classified as a Class 4
21	felony. The State's Attorney may provide a written
22	objection to the Prisoner Review Board on the sole
23	basis that the record identified does not meet the
24	criteria established in paragraph (2)(A). Such an

objection must be filed within 60 days or by such

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notice after the State's Attorney received notice from the Prisoner Review Board.

- (ii) In response to a written objection from a State's Attorney, the Prisoner Review Board is authorized to conduct a non-public hearing to evaluate the information provided in the objection.
- (iii) The Prisoner Review Board shall make a confidential and privileged recommendation to the Governor as to whether to grant a pardon authorizing expungement for each of the records identified by the Department of State Police as described in paragraph (2) (A).
- (C) If an individual has been granted a pardon authorizing expungement as described in this Section, Prisoner Review Board, through the Attorney General, shall file a petition for expungement with the Chief Judge of the circuit or any judge of the circuit designated by the Chief Judge where individual had been convicted. Such petition may include more than one individual. Whenever individual who has been convicted of an offense is granted a pardon by the Governor that specifically authorizes expungement, an objection to the petition may not be filed. Petitions to expunge under this subsection (i) may include more than one individual.

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Within 90 days of the filing of such a petition, the court shall enter an order expunging the records of arrest from the official records of the arresting authority and order that the records of the circuit court clerk and the Illinois State Police be expunged 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 the individual had received a pardon but the order shall not affect any index issued by the circuit court clerk before the entry of the order. Upon entry of the order of expungement, the circuit court clerk shall promptly provide a copy of the order and a certificate of disposition to the individual who was pardoned to the individual's last known address or by electronic means (if available) or otherwise make it available to the individual upon request.

- Nothing in this Section is intended to diminish or abrogate any rights or remedies otherwise available to the individual.
- (3) Any individual may file a motion to vacate and expunge a conviction for a misdemeanor or Class 4 felony violation of Section 4 or Section 5 of the Cannabis Control Act. Motions to vacate and expunge under this

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subsection (i) may be filed with the circuit court, Chief Judge of a judicial circuit or any judge of the circuit designated by the Chief Judge. The circuit court clerk shall promptly serve a copy of the motion to vacate and expunge, and any supporting documentation, on the State's Attorney or prosecutor charged with the duty of prosecuting the offense. When considering such a motion to vacate and expunge, a court shall consider the following: the reasons to retain the records provided by law enforcement, the petitioner's age, the petitioner's age at the time of offense, the time since the conviction, and the specific adverse consequences if denied. An individual may file such a petition after the completion of any non-financial sentence or non-financial condition imposed by the conviction. Within 60 days of the filing of such motion, a State's Attorney may file an objection to such a petition along with supporting evidence. If a motion to vacate and expunge is granted, the records shall be expunded in accordance with subparagraphs (d)(8) (d) (9) (A) of this Section. An agency providing civil legal aid, as defined by Section 15 of the Public Interest Attorney Assistance Act, assisting individuals seeking to file a motion to vacate and expunge under this subsection may file motions to vacate and expunge with the Chief Judge of a judicial circuit or any judge of the circuit designated by the Chief Judge, and the motion may include

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more than one individual. Motions filed by an agency providing civil legal aid concerning more than individual may be prepared, presented, and electronically.

(4) Any State's Attorney may file a motion to vacate and expunge a conviction for a misdemeanor or Class 4 felony violation of Section 4 or Section 5 of the Cannabis Control Act. Motions to vacate and expunge under this subsection (i) may be filed with the circuit court, Chief Judge of a judicial circuit or any judge of the circuit designated by the Chief Judge, and may include more than individual. Motions filed by a State's Attorney concerning more than one individual may be prepared, presented, and signed electronically. When considering such a motion to vacate and expunge, a court shall consider the following: the reasons to retain the records provided by law enforcement, the individual's age, the individual's age at the time of offense, the time since the conviction, and the specific adverse consequences if denied. Upon entry of an order granting a motion to vacate and expunge records pursuant to this Section, the State's Attorney shall notify the Prisoner Review Board within 30 days. Upon entry of the order of expungement, the circuit court clerk shall promptly provide a copy of the order and a certificate of disposition to the individual whose records will be expunded to the individual's last known

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address or by electronic means (if available) or otherwise make available to the individual upon request. If a motion to vacate and expunge is granted, the records shall be expunged in accordance with subparagraphs (d)(8) and (d)(9)(A) of this Section.

- (5) In the public interest, the State's Attorney of a county has standing to file motions to vacate and expunge pursuant to this Section in the circuit court with jurisdiction over the underlying conviction.
- (6) If a person is arrested for a Minor Cannabis Offense as defined in this Section before June 25, 2019 (the effective date of Public Act 101-27) and the person's case is still pending but a sentence has not been imposed, the person may petition the court in which the charges are pending for an order to summarily dismiss those charges against him or her, and expunge all official records of his or her arrest, plea, trial, conviction, incarceration, supervision, or expungement. If the court determines, upon review, that: (A) the person was arrested before June 25, 2019 (the effective date of Public Act 101-27) for an offense that has been made eligible for expungement; (B) the case is pending at the time; and (C) the person has not been sentenced of the minor cannabis violation eligible for expungement under this subsection, the court shall consider the following: the reasons to retain the records provided by law enforcement, the petitioner's age, the

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petitioner's age at the time of offense, the time since the conviction, and the specific adverse consequences if denied. If a motion to dismiss and expunge is granted, the records shall be expunded in accordance with subparagraph (d)(9)(A) of this Section.

- (7) A person imprisoned solely as a result of one or more convictions for Minor Cannabis Offenses under this subsection (i) shall be released from incarceration upon the issuance of an order under this subsection.
- (8) The Illinois State Police shall allow a person to use the access and review process, established in the Illinois State Police, for verifying that his or records relating to Minor Cannabis Offenses of the Cannabis Control Act eligible under this Section have been expunged.
- (9) No conviction vacated pursuant to this Section shall serve as the basis for damages for time unjustly served as provided in the Court of Claims Act.
- (10) Effect of Expungement. A person's right to expunge an expungeable offense shall not be limited under this Section. The effect of an order of expungement shall be to restore the person to the status he or she occupied before the arrest, charge, or conviction.
- (11) Information. The Illinois State Police shall post general information on its website about the expungement process described in this subsection (i).

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- (j) Felony Prostitution Convictions.
  - (1) Automatic Sealing of Felony Prostitution Arrests.
    - (A) The Illinois State Police and local law enforcement agencies within the State shall automatically seal the law enforcement records relating to a person's Class 4 felony arrests and charges not initiated by arrest for prostitution if that arrest or charge not initiated by arrest is eligible for sealing under paragraph (2) of subsection (c).
    - (B) In the absence of a court order or upon the order of a court, the clerk of the circuit court shall automatically seal the court records and case files relating to a person's Class 4 felony arrests and charges not initiated by arrest for prostitution if that arrest or charge not initiated by arrest is eligible for sealing under paragraph (2) of subsection (c).
    - (C) The automatic sealing described in this paragraph (1) shall be completed no later than January 1, 2028.
  - (2) Automatic Sealing of Felony Prostitution Convictions.
    - (A) The Illinois State Police and local law enforcement agencies within the State shall automatically seal the law enforcement records

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- (B) In the absence of a court order or upon the order of a court, the clerk of the circuit court shall automatically seal the court records relating to a person's Class 4 felony conviction for prostitution if those records are eligible for sealing under paragraph (2) of subsection (c).
- (C) The automatic sealing of records described in this paragraph (2) shall be completed no later than January 1, 2028.
- (3) Motions to Vacate and Expunge Felony Prostitution Convictions. Any individual may file a motion to vacate and expunge a conviction for a prior Class 4 felony violation of prostitution. Motions to vacate and expunge under this subsection (j) may be filed with the circuit court, Chief Judge of a judicial circuit, or any judge of the circuit designated by the Chief Judae. When considering the motion to vacate and expunge, a court shall consider the following:
  - (A) the reasons to retain the records provided by law enforcement;
    - (B) the petitioner's age;
- (C) the petitioner's age at the time of offense; and

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- the time since the conviction, (D) specific adverse consequences if denied. An individual may file the petition after the completion of any sentence or condition imposed by the conviction. Within 60 days of the filing of the motion, a State's Attorney may file an objection to the petition along with supporting evidence. If a motion to vacate and expunge is granted, the records shall be expunged in accordance with subparagraph (d)(9)(A) of this Section. An agency providing civil legal aid, as defined in Section 15 of the Public Interest Attorney Assistance Act, assisting individuals seeking to file a motion to vacate and expunge under this subsection may file motions to vacate and expunge with the Chief Judge of a judicial circuit or any judge of the circuit designated by the Chief Judge, and the motion may include more than one individual.
- (4) Any State's Attorney may file a motion to vacate and expunge a conviction for a Class 4 felony violation of prostitution. Motions to vacate and expunge under this subsection (j) may be filed with the circuit court, Chief Judge of a judicial circuit, or any judge of the circuit court designated by the Chief Judge, and may include more than one individual. When considering the motion to vacate and expunge, a court shall consider the following reasons:
  - (A) the reasons to retain the records provided by

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- (B) the petitioner's age;
  - (C) the petitioner's age at the time of offense;
    - (D) the time since the conviction; and
    - (E) the specific adverse consequences if denied.

If the State's Attorney files a motion to vacate and expunge records for felony prostitution convictions pursuant to this Section, the State's Attorney shall notify the Prisoner Review Board within 30 days of the filing. If a motion to vacate and expunge is granted, the records shall be expunged in accordance with subparagraph (d) (9) (A) of this Section.

- (5) In the public interest, the State's Attorney of a county has standing to file motions to vacate and expunge pursuant to this Section in the circuit court with jurisdiction over the underlying conviction.
- (6) The Illinois State Police shall allow a person to a use the access and review process, established in the Illinois State Police, for verifying that his or her records relating to felony prostitution eligible under this Section have been expunged.
- (7) No conviction vacated pursuant to this Section shall serve as the basis for damages for time unjustly served as provided in the Court of Claims Act.
- (8) Effect of Expungement. A person's right to expunge an expungeable offense shall not be limited under this

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Section. The effect of an order of expungement shall be to restore the person to the status he or she occupied before the arrest, charge, or conviction.

(9) Information. The Illinois State Police shall post general information on its website about the expungement or sealing process described in this subsection (j).

## (k) Automatic Sealing.

- (1) Applicability. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, and cumulative with any rights to expungement or sealing of criminal records, this subsection authorizes the automatic sealing of criminal records of adults and of minors prosecuted as adults. Any duties imposed upon the Illinois State Police by this Act are subject to appropriations being <u>made</u> for that <u>purpose</u> to the <u>State</u> Police Services Fund. Any duties imposed upon circuit clerks by this Act are subject to appropriations being made for that purpose to the Circuit Court Clerk Operation and Administrative Fund.
- (2) Beginning July 1, 2028, records created on or after January 1, 1970 that meet the eligibility criteria in paragraph (k)(3) and timing criteria in paragraph (k) (4) or (k) (5) shall be automatically sealed without the filing of a petition. The Illinois State Police shall identify eligible records, automatically seal eligible records, and provide an electronic notice to circuit clerks, by means of the applicable e-filing system.

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Commencing July 1, 2028, the Illinois State Police shall, at least quarterly, seal all records identified as subject to automatic sealing in paragraph (k)(3) and meeting time requirements under paragraph (k)(5). At least quarterly, the Illinois State Police shall electronically notify each circuit court of all previously unidentified records originating in that county for which a record is subject to automatic sealing pursuant to this subsection.

Upon receipt of notice from the Illinois State Police, circuit clerks shall seal records as that term is defined in subsection (a)(1)(K)(ii). For records held electronically, circuit clerks shall seal records within 90 days of notice from the Illinois State Police. For records not held electronically, circuit clerks shall ensure that the individual's name is obliterated from the official index required to be kept by the circuit court clerk under Section 16 of the Clerks of Courts Act and shall also ensure that the permanent record, as defined by the Supreme Court, is sealed as defined in subsection (a) (1) (K) (ii) before anyone not authorized by law is able to access the physical records.

For all records created before July 1, 2028, the following timelines shall apply:

(A) Records created prior to July 1, 2028 but on or after July 1, 2005 shall be identified and sealed by the Illinois State Police, with notice provided to

1	circuit clerks by means of the applicable e-filing
2	system, by July 1, 2029. Circuit clerks shall seal
3	records in accordance with the procedures established
4	in this section by July 1, 2030.
5	(B) Records created prior to July 1, 2005 but on or
6	after July 1, 1990 shall be identified and sealed by
7	the Illinois State Police, with notice provided to
8	circuit clerks by means of the applicable e-filing
9	system, by July 1, 2030. Circuit clerks shall seal
10	records in accordance with the procedures established
11	in this Section by July 1, 2031.
12	(C) Records created prior to July 1, 1990 but on or
13	after July 1, 1970 shall be identified and sealed by
14	the Illinois State Police, with notice provided to
15	circuit clerks by means of the applicable e-filing
16	system, by July 1, 2031. Circuit clerks shall seal
17	records in accordance with the procedures established
18	in this Section by July 1, 2033.
19	(3) Records listed in subsection (c)(2) are eligible
20	for automatic record sealing unless excluded by subsection
21	(a)(3) or in this paragraph (3):
22	(A) Records are not eligible for automatic sealing
23	while the subject of the record is serving a sentence,
24	order of supervision, or order of qualified probation
25	for a criminal offense in this State. Records are not
26	eligible for automatic sealing if the subject of the

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record has pending filed charges. For the purposes of determining if a charge is pending, if the Illinois State Police is otherwise unable to determine disposition status, misdemeanor charges shall not be considered pending if one year has elapsed since the filing of charges and felony charges shall not be considered pending if 7 years have elapsed since the filing of charges.

(B) Records of conviction for offenses included in Article 9 or 11 of the Criminal Code of 1961 or the Criminal Code of 2012, for felonies designated as Class X, and for felonies that require public registration under the Sex Offender Registration Act are not eligible for automatic sealing. Notwithstanding this subparagraph, offenses included in Section 11-14 of the Criminal Code of 1961 or the Criminal Code of 2012 are eligible for automatic sealing. A conviction of a crime of violence, as that term is defined in Section 20 of the Drug Court Treatment Act is not eligible for automatic sealing. A conviction of organized retail crime, a conviction of robbery, a conviction of vehicular hijacking, a conviction of burglary that is a Class 1 or 2 felony, or a conviction of residential burglary, as those terms are used in Sections 16-25.1, 18-1, 18-3, 19-1, and 19-3 of the Criminal Code of 2012, is not eligible

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- (C) Records with the same case number as a conviction listed in subparagraph (B) are not eligible for automatic sealing.
- (D) Felony conviction records are not eligible for automatic sealing until all felony conviction records eligible for automatic sealing for the subject of the record have met the time requirements in paragraph (5).
- (4) Automatic Sealing of Nonconviction Records. Arrests or charges not initiated by arrest resulting in acquittal or dismissal, except as excluded by subsection (a) (3) (B), that occur on or after January 1, 2028 shall be sealed immediately after entry of the final disposition of a case, except as provided in subsection (k)(3)(C). Upon entry of a disposition for an eligible record under this paragraph, the defendant shall be informed by the court that the defendant's eligible records will be immediately sealed and the procedure for the immediate sealing of these records. The court shall enter an order sealing the record after entry of the final disposition of a case.

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After sealing records pursuant to this paragraph, the circuit court clerk must provide notice of sealing to the Illinois State Police and to the arresting agency in a form and manner prescribed by the Supreme Court. The circuit clerk shall provide this notice within 30 days of sealing the record and may do so electronically. An order to immediately seal records shall be implemented in conformance with paragraph (8).

- (5) When Records are Subject to Automatic Sealing.
- (A) Records of arrest resulting in release without charging and records of arrests or charges not initiated by arrest resulting in acquittal, dismissal, or conviction when the conviction was reversed or vacated are subject to automatic sealing immediately.
- (B) Records of arrests or charges not initiated by arrest resulting in orders of supervision, including orders of supervision for municipal ordinance violations, resulting in orders of qualified probation, are subject to automatic sealing if 2 years have elapsed since the termination of the order of supervision or qualified probation.
- (C) Arrests or charges not initiated by arrest resulting in misdemeanor convictions are subject to automatic sealing if two years have elapsed since the termination of the sentence associated with the record.

1	(D) Arrests or charges not initiated by arrest
2	resulting in convictions for felony offenses are
3	subject to automatic sealing if 3 years have elapsed
4	since the termination of the sentence associated with
5	the record.
6	(E) For the purposes of determining if the
7	timelines in this paragraph (5) have been met, the
8	Illinois State Police shall consider records in its
9	possession and, in the absence of disposition or
10	sentence termination records, shall deem sentences
11	terminated based on the sentence or supervision term
12	length information in its possession. In the absence
13	of a known term length of probation or conditional
14	discharge, the Illinois State Police shall deem a term
15	completed if the maximum probation or conditional
16	discharge term length for the statutory class of the
17	offense has elapsed since the disposition date.
18	(6) Notice. At least monthly, the circuit court clerk
19	shall provide notice to each arresting agency of all
20	records sealed under this subsection. The circuit court
21	clerk may provide this notice electronically.
22	(7) Implementation.
23	(A) Upon notice of sealing provided by the circuit
24	court clerk, the arresting agency and any other agency
25	receiving notice of sealing shall seal the records
26	under the procedures in subsections (a)(1)(K) and

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- (B) In response to an inquiry for the sealed records from anyone not authorized by law to access the records, the court, the Illinois State Police, the arresting agency, or the prosecuting agency receiving the inquiry shall reply as it does in response to inquiries when no records ever existed.
- (C) Each circuit court that has sealed a record shall make those records available to the subject of the record, or an attorney representing the subject of the record, without court order within 7 days.
- (8) Upon request, the circuit court clerk shall provide disposition information for any record sealed pursuant to this subsection to the Illinois State Police, the arresting agency, the State's Attorney, or prosecutor that prosecuted the offense. If the Illinois State Police, arresting agency, State's Attorney, or prosecutor that prosecuted the offense determine a record has been improperly sealed pursuant to this subsection, the Illinois State Police, arresting agency, State's Attorney, or prosecutor that prosecuted the offense may file a petition to unseal the record with the court that entered the original record. If the court determines the record was improperly sealed, the court shall enter an order unsealing the record.
  - (9) Records sealed under this subsection shall be used

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and disseminated by the Illinois State Police only as required or authorized by a federal or State law, rule, or regulation that requires inquiry into and release of criminal records. The Department of Corrections shall have access to all sealed records of the Illinois State Police pertaining to individuals committed or confined within or sentenced to a term of imprisonment within a correctional institution or facility.

(10) The Illinois State Police shall allow a person to use the access and review process, established by the Illinois State Police, for verifying that the person's records eligible under this subsection have been sealed. As part of the access and review process, upon request, the Illinois State Police shall provide the subject of the record written confirmation that the record was sealed under this subsection.

(11) An individual may challenge the individual's record and request corrections, including the sealing of records eligible under this subsection, by completing and submitting a record challenge form to the Illinois State Police. The Illinois State Police shall automatically seal all records identified as eligible under this subsection based on the access and review process. The Illinois State Police shall include any records identified as eligible under this process in the next electronic notification of the circuit court in which the case originated. The

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Illinois State Police shall render a final administrative decision with respect to the record challenge, which shall be subject to administrative appeal procedures established by the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority.

- (12) Nothing in this Section shall be construed to restrict or modify an individual's right to have that individual's records expunded or sealed except as otherwise may be provided in this Act or diminish or abrogate any rights or remedies otherwise available to the individual.
- (13) The State or the county, or an official or employee of the State or the county acting in the course of the official's or employee's duties, is not liable for an injury or loss a person might receive due to an act or omission of a person in the commission of the person's duties under this Act, except for willful, wanton misconduct or gross negligence on the part of the governmental unit or on the part of the official or emplovee.
- Municipal ordinance violations and Class C misdemeanors. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act to the contrary and cumulative with any rights to expungement of criminal records, this subsection requires the sealing of criminal records of municipal ordinance violations and Class C misdemeanors without petition. Beginning January 1, 2028, and on January 1 and July 1 of each year thereafter, circuit court

- 1 clerks shall seal any criminal records of arrests or charges
- not initiated by arrest resulting in charges or convictions 2
- 3 for municipal ordinance violations or Class C misdemeanors if
- 4 one year has elapsed since the case was closed as designated by
- 5 the Supreme Court.
- (Source: P.A. 102-145, eff. 7-23-21; 102-558, 8-20-21; 6
- 102-639, eff. 8-27-21; 102-813, eff. 5-13-22; 102-933, eff. 7
- 1-1-23; 103-35, eff. 1-1-24; 103-154, eff. 6-30-23; 103-609, 8
- 9 eff. 7-1-24; 103-755, eff. 8-2-24; 103-1071, eff. 7-1-25;
- 10 revised 4-1-25.)
- 11 (20 ILCS 2630/5.3 new)
- 12 Sec. 5.3. Illinois Clean Slate Task Force.
- 13 (a) There is created the Illinois Clean Slate Task Force
- 14 to monitor the development of processes for sealing criminal
- records without petition, to create a plan for the 15
- implementation of this amendatory Act of the 104th General 16
- 17 Assembly, and to monitor implementation.
- 18 (b) The Task Force shall be composed of the following
- 19 members:
- 20 (1) The Director of the Illinois State Police or the
- 21 Director's designee.
- 22 (2) The Director of the Administrative Office of the
- 23 Illinois Courts or the Director's designee.
- 24 (3) A representative appointed by the Supreme Court of
- 25 Illinois.

1	(4) A representative of an association representing
2	sheriffs, appointed by the Minority Leader of the House of
3	Representatives.
4	(5) A representative of an association representing
5	State's Attorneys, appointed by Minority Leader of the
6	Senate.
7	(6) The Executive Director of the Illinois Sentencing
8	Policy Advisory Council or the Executive Director's
9	designee.
10	(7) Three circuit court clerks appointed by the
11	Governor, or the clerks' designees, one of whom represents
12	a county with a population equal to or greater than
13	3,000,000, one of whom represents a population equal to or
14	greater than 250,000 and less than 3,000,000, and one of
15	whom represents a population under 250,000.
16	(8) Two representatives from organizations that
17	advocate for currently or formerly incarcerated people,
18	one appointed by the Speaker of the House of
19	Representatives and one appointed by the Senate President.
20	(9) Two practitioners who represent people petitioning
21	for record sealing, one appointed by the Speaker of the
22	House of Representatives and one appointed by the Senate
23	President.
24	(10) One member appointed by the Speaker of the House
25	of Representatives.
26	(11) One member appointed by the House Minority

1	Leader.
2	(12) One member appointed by the Senate President.
3	(13) One member appointed by the Senate Minority
4	<u>Leader.</u>
5	(14) Two members of the public with a criminal record
6	appointed by the Lieutenant Governor.
7	(c) Co-chairpersons of the Task Force shall be elected
8	from among the members of the Task Force by a majority vote of
9	the Task Force. All appointments must be made under this
10	Section within 60 days after the effective date of this
11	amendatory Act of the 104th General Assembly, and the first
12	meeting must be held within 90 days after the effective date of
13	this amendatory Act of the 104th General Assembly. If a
14	vacancy occurs in the Task Force membership, the vacancy shall
15	be filled in the same manner as the original appointment for
16	the remainder of the Task Force.
17	(d) Task Force members shall serve without compensation.
18	(e) The Task Force shall meet, either virtually or in
19	person, at least 4 times each year. Each meeting, including
20	the meeting required under subsection (c), shall be set by the
21	Task Force co-chairpersons.
22	(f) The Task Force shall review best practices, research,
23	and case studies in other states that have passed automatic
24	record change laws. The Task Force shall examine processes for
25	communication between circuit court clerks, the Administrative
26	Office of the Illinois Courts, and the Illinois State Police

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1	for the purposes of record correction, notification of records
2	eligible for automatic sealing, and record matching. The Task
3	Force shall research opportunities for the improvement of the
4	transmission of supervision termination and sentence
5	termination information from circuit court clerks and the
6	Illinois Department of Corrections to the Illinois State
7	Police for the purposes of identifying records eligible for

- (g) The Task Force shall produce and submit an annual report before June 30th of each year detailing progress toward implementation of its duties under this Section, recommendations to address challenges to implementation, and needed resources to the General Assembly.
- (h) The Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority shall provide administrative and other support to the Task Force. The General Assembly may appropriate funds to the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority for the purpose of funding the work of the Task Force or services provided under this Section.
- 20 (i) The Task Force is dissolved 5 years after the 2.1 effective date of this amendatory Act of the 104th General 22 Assembly.
- (j) This Section is repealed 6 years after the effective 23 24 date of this amendatory Act of the 104th General Assembly.

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1 Sec. 13. Retention and release of sealed records.

- (a) The Illinois State Police shall retain records sealed under subsection (c) or (e-5) of Section 5.2 or impounded under subparagraph (B) or (B-5) of paragraph (9) of subsection (d) of Section 5.2 and shall release them only as authorized by this Act. Felony records sealed under subsection (c) or (e 5) of Section 5.2 or impounded under subparagraph (B) or (B 5) of paragraph (9) of subsection (d) of Section 5.2 shall be used and disseminated by the Illinois State Police only as 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 Illinois State Police pertaining to that individual.
- (b) Notwithstanding the foregoing, all sealed or impounded 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 or impounded records maintained under subsection (a) are exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of

- 1 Information Act.
- (d) The Illinois State Police shall commence the sealing 2
- 3 of records of felony arrests and felony convictions pursuant
- 4 to the provisions of subsection (c) of Section 5.2 of this Act
- 5 no later than one year from the date that funds have been made
- available for purposes of establishing the technologies 6
- necessary to implement the changes made by this amendatory Act 7
- of the 93rd General Assembly.
- 9 (Source: P.A. 102-538, eff. 8-20-21.)
- 10 (20 ILCS 2630/14)
- Sec. 14. Expungement Backlog Accountability Law. 11
- 12 (a) On or before August 1 of each year, the Illinois State
- 13 Police shall report to the Governor, the Attorney General, the
- 14 Office of the State Appellate Defender, and both houses of the
- General Assembly the following information for the previous 15
- 16 fiscal year:
- 17 (1) the number of petitions to expunge received by the
- Illinois State Police; 18
- 19 (2) the number of petitions to expunge to which the
- 2.0 Illinois State Police objected pursuant to subdivision
- (d)(5)(B) of Section 5.2 of this Act; 21
- 22 (3) the number of petitions to seal records received
- by the Illinois State Police; 23
- 24 (4) the number of petitions to seal records to which
- 25 the Illinois State Police objected pursuant to subdivision

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1	(d)(5)(B) of Section 5.2 of this Act;
2	(5) the number of orders to expunge received by the
3	Illinois State Police;
4	(6) the number of orders to expunge to which the
5	Illinois State Police successfully filed a motion to
6	vacate, modify or reconsider under paragraph (12) of
7	subsection (d) of Section 5.2 of this Act;
8	(7) the number of orders to expunge records entered by
9	the Illinois State Police;
10	(8) the number of orders to seal records received by
11	the Illinois State Police;
12	(9) the number of orders to seal records to which the
13	Illinois State Police successfully filed a motion to
14	vacate, modify or reconsider under paragraph (12) of
15	subsection (d) of Section 5.2 of this Act;
16	(10) the number of orders to seal records entered by
17	the Illinois State Police;
18	(11) the amount of fees received by the Illinois State
19	Police pursuant to subdivision (d)(10) of Section 5.2 of
20	this Act and deposited into the State Police Services
21	Fund;
22	(12) the number of orders to expunge or to seal
23	records received by the Illinois State Police that have

not been entered as of June 30 of the previous fiscal

(13) the total number of records sealed pursuant to

1	automated sealing under subsection (k) of Section 5.2;
2	(14) the number of conviction records sealed pursuant
3	to automated sealing under subsection (k) of Section 5.2;
4	(15) the number of conviction records sealed pursuant
5	to automated sealing under subsection (k) of Section 5.2
6	by misdemeanor or felony class; and
7	(16) the number of records sealed pursuant to
8	automated sealing under subsection (k) of Section 5.2 by
9	county.
10	(b) The information reported under this Section shall be
11	made available to the public, at the time it is reported, or
12	the official web site of the Illinois State Police.
13	(c) Upon request of a State's Attorney or the Attorney
14	General, the Illinois State Police shall provide within 90
15	days a list of all orders to expunge or seal with which the
16	Illinois State Police has not yet complied. This list shall
17	include the date of the order, the name of the petitioner, the
18	case number, and a detailed statement of the basis for
19	non-compliance.
20	(Source: P.A. 102-538, eff. 8-20-21.)

- 21 Section 15. The Juvenile Court Act of 1987 is amended by changing Sections 1-8 and 5-901 as follows: 22
- 23 (705 ILCS 405/1-8)
- Sec. 1-8. Confidentiality and accessibility of juvenile 24

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- (A) A juvenile adjudication shall never be considered a conviction nor shall an adjudicated individual be considered a criminal. Unless expressly allowed by law, a adjudication shall not operate to impose upon the individual any of the civil disabilities ordinarily imposed by or resulting from conviction. Unless expressly allowed by law, adjudications shall not prejudice or disqualify the individual in any civil service application or appointment, from holding public office, or from receiving any license granted by public authority. All juvenile court records which have not been expunged are sealed and may never be disclosed to the general public or otherwise made widely available. Sealed juvenile court records may be obtained only under this Section and Section 1-7 and Part 9 of Article V of this Act, when their use is needed for good cause and with an order from the juvenile Inspection and copying of juvenile court records relating to a minor who is the subject of a proceeding under this Act shall be restricted to the following:
  - (1) The minor who is the subject of record, the minor's parents, quardian, and counsel.
  - (2) Law enforcement officers and law enforcement agencies when such information is essential to executing an arrest or search warrant or other compulsory process, or to conducting an ongoing investigation or relating to a minor who has been adjudicated delinquent and there has

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been a previous finding that the act which constitutes the previous offense was committed in furtherance of criminal activities by a criminal street gang.

Before July 1, 1994, for the purposes of this Section, "criminal street gang" means any ongoing organization, association, or group of 3 or more persons, whether formal or informal, having as one of its primary activities the commission of one or more criminal acts and that has a common name or common identifying sign, symbol, or specific color apparel displayed, and whose members individually or collectively engage in or have engaged in a pattern of criminal activity.

Beginning July 1, 1994, for purposes of this Section, "criminal street gang" has the meaning ascribed to it in Section 10 of the Illinois Streetgang Terrorism Omnibus Prevention Act.

- (3) Judges, hearing officers, prosecutors, public defenders, probation officers, social workers, or other individuals assigned by the court to conduct pre-adjudication or pre-disposition investigation, and individuals responsible for supervising or providing temporary or permanent care and custody for minors under order of the juvenile court when essential to performing their responsibilities.
- (4) Judges, federal, State, and local prosecutors, public defenders, probation officers, and designated

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- (a) in the course of a trial when institution of criminal proceedings has been permitted or required under Section 5-805;
  - (b) when criminal proceedings have been permitted or required under Section 5-805 and a minor is the subject of a proceeding to determine the conditions of pretrial release;
  - (c) when criminal proceedings have been permitted or required under Section 5-805 and a minor is the subject of a pre-trial investigation, pre-sentence investigation or fitness hearing, or proceedings on an application for probation; or
  - (d) when a minor becomes 18 years of age or older, and is the subject of criminal proceedings, including a hearing to determine the conditions of pretrial release, a pre-trial investigation, a pre-sentence investigation, a fitness hearing, or proceedings on an application for probation.
  - (5) Adult and Juvenile Prisoner Review Boards.
  - (6) Authorized military personnel.
- 22 (6.5) Employees of the federal government authorized 23 by law.
  - Victims, their (7) subrogees and legal representatives; however, such persons shall have access only to the name and address of the minor and information

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pertaining to the disposition or alternative adjustment plan of the juvenile court.

- (8) Persons engaged in bona fide research, with the permission of the presiding judge of the juvenile court and the chief executive of the agency that prepared the particular records; provided that publication of such research results in no disclosure of a minor's identity and protects the confidentiality of the record.
- (9) The Secretary of State to whom the Clerk of the Court shall report the disposition of all cases, as required in Section 6-204 of the Illinois Vehicle Code. However, information reported relative to these offenses shall be privileged and available only to the Secretary of State, courts, and police officers.
- (10) The administrator of a bonafide substance abuse student assistance program with the permission of the presiding judge of the juvenile court.
- (11) Mental health professionals on behalf of the Department of Corrections or the Department of Human Services or prosecutors who are evaluating, prosecuting, or investigating a potential or actual petition brought under the Sexually Violent Persons Commitment Act relating to a person who is the subject of juvenile court records or the respondent to a petition brought under the Sexually Violent Persons Commitment Act, who is the subject of juvenile court records sought. Any records and any

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information obtained from those records under this
paragraph (11) may be used only in sexually violent
persons commitment proceedings.

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- (A-1) Findings and exclusions of paternity entered in proceedings occurring under Article II of this Act shall be disclosed, in a manner and form approved by the Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court, to the Department of Healthcare and Family Services when necessary to discharge the duties of the Department of Healthcare and Family Services under Article X of the Illinois Public Aid Code.
- 12 (B) A minor who is the victim in a juvenile proceeding
  13 shall be provided the same confidentiality regarding
  14 disclosure of identity as the minor who is the subject of
  15 record.
  - (C) (0.1) In cases where the records concern a pending juvenile court case, the requesting party seeking to inspect the juvenile court records shall provide actual notice to the attorney or guardian ad litem of the minor whose records are sought.
  - (0.2) In cases where the juvenile court records concern a juvenile court case that is no longer pending, the requesting party seeking to inspect the juvenile court records shall provide actual notice to the minor or the minor's parent or legal guardian, and the matter shall be referred to the chief judge presiding over matters pursuant to this Act.

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- (0.3) In determining whether juvenile court records should be made available for inspection and whether inspection should be limited to certain parts of the file, the court shall consider the minor's interest in confidentiality and rehabilitation over the requesting party's interest in obtaining the information. The State's Attorney, the minor, and the minor's parents, guardian, and counsel shall at all times have the right to examine court files and records.
  - (0.4) Any records obtained in violation of this Section shall not be admissible in any criminal or civil proceeding, or operate to disqualify a minor from subsequently holding public office, or operate as a forfeiture of any public benefit, right, privilege, or right to receive any license granted by public authority.
  - (D) Pending or following any adjudication of delinquency for any offense defined in Sections 11-1.20 through 11-1.60 or 12-13 through 12-16 of the Criminal Code of 1961 or the Criminal Code of 2012, the victim of any such offense shall receive the rights set out in Sections 4 and 6 of the Rights of Crime Victims and Witnesses Act; and the juvenile who is the subject of the adjudication, notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, shall be treated as an adult for the purpose of affording such rights to the victim.
  - (E) Nothing in this Section shall affect the right of a Civil Service Commission or appointing authority of the federal government, or any state, county, or municipality

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- 1 examining the character and fitness of an applicant for employment with a law enforcement agency, correctional 2 3 institution, or fire department to ascertain whether that 4 applicant was ever adjudicated to be a delinquent minor and, 5 if so, to examine the records of disposition or evidence which were made in proceedings under this Act. 6
  - (F) Following any adjudication of delinquency for a crime which would be a felony if committed by an adult, or following any adjudication of delinquency for a violation of Section 24-1, 24-3, 24-3.1, or 24-5 of the Criminal Code of 1961 or the Criminal Code of 2012, the State's Attorney shall ascertain whether the minor respondent is enrolled in school and, if so, shall provide a copy of the dispositional order to the principal or chief administrative officer of the school. Access to the dispositional order shall be limited to the principal or chief administrative officer of the school and any school counselor designated by the principal or chief administrative officer.
    - (G) Nothing contained in this Act prevents the sharing or disclosure of information or records relating or pertaining to juveniles subject to the provisions of the Serious Habitual Offender Comprehensive Action Program when that information is used to assist in the early identification and treatment of habitual juvenile offenders.
  - (H) When a court hearing a proceeding under Article II of this Act becomes aware that an earlier proceeding under

- 1 Article II had been heard in a different county, that court shall request, and the court in which the earlier proceedings 2 were initiated shall transmit, an authenticated copy of the 3 4 juvenile court record, including all documents, petitions, and 5 orders filed and the minute orders, transcript of proceedings,
- and docket entries of the court. 6

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- (I) The Clerk of the Circuit Court shall report to the 7 8 Illinois State Police, in the form and manner required by the 9 Illinois State Police, the final disposition of each minor who 10 has been arrested or taken into custody before the minor's 11 18th birthday for those offenses required to be reported under Section 5 of the Criminal Identification Act. Information 12 13 reported to the Illinois State Police under this Section may be maintained with records that the Illinois State Police 14 15 files under Section 2.1 of the Criminal Identification Act. 16 Upon request, the circuit court clerk shall provide the disposition information for any case or record required to be 17 18 reported to the Illinois State Police under Section 2.1 or 5 of 19 the Criminal Identification Act.
  - (J) The changes made to this Section by Public Act 98-61 apply to juvenile law enforcement records of a minor who has been arrested or taken into custody on or after January 1, 2014 (the effective date of Public Act 98-61).
  - Willful violation of this Section is a Class C misdemeanor and each violation is subject to a fine of \$1,000. This subsection (K) shall not apply to the person who is the

- 1 subject of the record.
- 2 (L) A person convicted of violating this Section is liable
- for damages in the amount of \$1,000 or actual damages, 3
- 4 whichever is greater.
- 5 (Source: P.A. 102-197, eff. 7-30-21; 102-538, eff. 8-20-21;
- 102-813, eff. 5-13-22; 103-22, eff. 8-8-23; 103-379, eff. 6
- 7-28-23; 103-605, eff. 7-1-24.) 7
- 8 (705 ILCS 405/5-901)
- 9 Sec. 5-901. Court file.
- 10 (1) The court file with respect to proceedings under this
- Article shall consist of the petitions, pleadings, victim 11
- 12 impact statements, process, service of process, orders, writs
- 13 and docket entries reflecting hearings held and judgments and
- 14 decrees entered by the court. The court file shall be kept
- separate from other records of the court. 15
- 16 (a) The file, including information identifying the
- 17 victim or alleged victim of any sex offense, shall be
- disclosed only to the following parties when necessary for 18
- 19 discharge of their official duties:
- (i) A judge of the circuit court and members of the 20
- 21 staff of the court designated by the judge;
- 22 (ii) Parties to the proceedings and their
- 23 attorneys;
- 24 (iii) Victims and their attorneys, except in cases
- 25 of multiple victims of sex offenses in which case the

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1	information identifying the nonrequesting victims
2	shall be redacted;
3	(iv) Probation officers, law enforcement officers
4	or prosecutors or their staff;
5	(v) Adult and juvenile Prisoner Review Boards.
6	(b) The Court file redacted to remove any information
7	identifying the victim or alleged victim of any sex
8	offense shall be disclosed only to the following parties
9	when necessary for discharge of their official duties:
10	(i) Authorized military personnel;
11	(ii) Persons engaged in bona fide research, with
12	the permission of the judge of the juvenile court and
13	the chief executive of the agency that prepared the
14	particular recording: provided that publication of
15	such research results in no disclosure of a minor's
16	identity and protects the confidentiality of the
17	record;
18	(iii) The Secretary of State to whom the Clerk of
19	the Court shall report the disposition of all cases,
20	as required in Section 6-204 or Section 6-205.1 of the
21	Illinois Vehicle Code. However, information reported
22	relative to these offenses shall be privileged and
23	available only to the Secretary of State, courts, and
24	police officers;

(iv) The administrator of a bonafide substance

abuse student assistance program with the permission

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of the presiding judge of the juvenile court;

- (v) Any individual, or any public or private agency or institution, having custody of the juvenile under court order or providing educational, medical or mental health services to the juvenile or a court-approved advocate for the juvenile or any placement provider or potential placement provider as determined by the court.
- (2) (Reserved).
- (3) A minor who is the victim or alleged victim in a juvenile proceeding shall be provided the same confidentiality regarding disclosure of identity as the minor who is the subject of record. Information identifying victims and alleged victims of sex offenses, shall not be disclosed or open to public inspection under any circumstances. Nothing in this Section shall prohibit the victim or alleged victim of any sex offense from voluntarily disclosing this identity.
- (4) Relevant information, reports and records shall be made available to the Department of Juvenile Justice when a juvenile offender has been placed in the custody of the Department of Juvenile Justice.
- (4.5) Relevant information, reports and records, held by
  the Department of Juvenile Justice, including social
  investigation, psychological and medical records, of any
  juvenile offender, shall be made available to any county
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- Superintendent or Director of that juvenile detention facility, to the Chief Records Officer of the Department of Juvenile Justice where the subject youth is or was in the custody of the Department of Juvenile Justice and is subsequently ordered to be held in a county juvenile detention facility.
  - (5) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection (5), juvenile court records shall not be made available to the general public but may be inspected by representatives of agencies, associations and news media or other properly interested persons by general or special order of the court. The State's Attorney, the minor, the minor's parents, quardian and counsel shall at all times have the right to examine court files and records.
    - (a) The court shall allow the general public to have access to the name, address, and offense of a minor who is adjudicated a delinquent minor under this Act under either of the following circumstances:
      - (i) The adjudication of delinquency was based upon the minor's commission of first degree murder, attempt to commit first degree murder, aggravated criminal sexual assault, or criminal sexual assault; or
      - (ii) The court has made a finding that the minor was at least 13 years of age at the time the act was committed and the adjudication of delinquency was based upon the minor's commission of: (A) an act in

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furtherance of the commission of a felony as a member of or on behalf of a criminal street gang, (B) an act involving the use of a firearm in the commission of a felony, (C) an act that would be a Class X felony offense under or the minor's second or subsequent Class 2 or greater felony offense under the Cannabis Control Act if committed by an adult, (D) an act that would be a second or subsequent offense under Section 402 of the Illinois Controlled Substances Act if committed by an adult, (E) an act that would be an offense under Section 401 of the Illinois Controlled Substances Act if committed by an adult, or (F) an act that would be an offense under the Methamphetamine Control and Community Protection Act if committed by an adult.

- (b) The court shall allow the general public to have access to the name, address, and offense of a minor who is least 13 years of age at the time the offense is committed and who is convicted, in criminal proceedings permitted or required under Section 5-805, under either of the following circumstances:
  - (i) The minor has been convicted of first degree murder, attempt to commit first degree murder, aggravated criminal sexual assault, or criminal sexual assault,
    - (ii) The court has made a finding that the minor

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was at least 13 years of age at the time the offense was committed and the conviction was based upon the minor's commission of: (A) an offense in furtherance of the commission of a felony as a member of or on behalf of a criminal street gang, (B) an offense involving the use of a firearm in the commission of a felony, (C) a Class X felony offense under the Cannabis Control Act or a second or subsequent Class 2 or greater felony offense under the Cannabis Control Act, (D) a second or subsequent offense under Section 402 of the Illinois Controlled Substances Act, (E) an offense under Section 401 of the Illinois Controlled Substances Act, or (F) an offense under the Methamphetamine Control and Community Protection Act.

- (6) Nothing in this Section shall be construed to limit the use of an adjudication of delinquency as evidence in any juvenile or criminal proceeding, where it would otherwise be admissible under the rules of evidence, including, but not limited to, use as impeachment evidence against any witness, including the minor if the minor testifies.
- (7) Nothing in this Section shall affect the right of a Civil Service Commission or appointing authority examining the character and fitness of an applicant for a position as a law enforcement officer to ascertain whether that applicant was ever adjudicated to be a delinquent minor and, if so, to examine the records or evidence which were made in proceedings

1 under this Act.

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- (8) Following any adjudication of delinquency for a crime which would be a felony if committed by an adult, or following any adjudication of delinquency for a violation of Section 24-1, 24-3, 24-3.1, or 24-5 of the Criminal Code of 1961 or the Criminal Code of 2012, the State's Attorney shall ascertain whether the minor respondent is enrolled in school and, if so, shall provide a copy of the sentencing order to the principal or chief administrative officer of the school. Access to such juvenile records shall be limited to the principal or chief administrative officer of the school and any school counselor designated by the principal or chief administrative officer.
- (9) Nothing contained in this Act prevents the sharing or disclosure of information or records relating or pertaining to juveniles subject to the provisions of the Serious Habitual Offender Comprehensive Action Program when that information is used to assist in the early identification and treatment of habitual juvenile offenders.
- 19 (10) (Reserved).
  - (11) The Clerk of the Circuit Court shall report to the Illinois State Police, in the form and manner required by the Illinois State Police, the final disposition of each minor who has been arrested or taken into custody before the minor's 18th birthday for those offenses required to be reported under Section 5 of the Criminal Identification Act. Information reported to the Illinois State Police under this Section may

- 1 be maintained with records that the Illinois State Police
- 2 files under Section 2.1 of the Criminal Identification Act.
- 3 Upon request, the circuit court clerk shall provide the
- 4 disposition information for any case or record required to be
- 5 reported to the Illinois State Police under Section 2.1 or 5 of
- the Criminal Identification Act. 6
- (12) Information or records may be disclosed to the 7
- 8 general public when the court is conducting hearings under
- 9 Section 5-805 or 5-810.
- 10 (13) The changes made to this Section by Public Act 98-61
- 11 apply to juvenile court records of a minor who has been
- arrested or taken into custody on or after January 1, 2014 (the 12
- 13 effective date of Public Act 98-61).
- (Source: P.A. 102-197, eff. 7-30-21; 102-320, eff. 8-6-21; 14
- 15 102-538, eff. 8-20-21; 102-813, eff. 5-13-22; 103-22, eff.
- 16 8-8-23.)
- Section 95. No acceleration or delay. Where this Act makes 17
- 18 changes in a statute that is represented in this Act by text
- 19 that is not yet or no longer in effect (for example, a Section
- represented by multiple versions), the use of that text does 20
- 21 not accelerate or delay the taking effect of (i) the changes
- made by this Act or (ii) provisions derived from any other 22
- Public Act.". 23