1 AN ACT concerning criminal law.

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

- Section 5. The Juvenile Court Act of 1987 is amended by changing Section 5-915 as follows:
- 6 (705 ILCS 405/5-915)

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- Sec. 5-915. Expungement of juvenile law enforcement and court records.
- (0.05) For purposes of this Section:

"Dissemination" or "disseminate" means to publish, produce, print, manufacture, distribute, sell, lease, exhibit, broadcast, display, transmit, or otherwise share information in any format so as to make the information accessible to others.

"Expunge" means to physically destroy the records and to obliterate the minor's name and juvenile court records from any official index, public record, or electronic database. No evidence of the juvenile court records may be retained by any law enforcement agency, the juvenile court, or by any municipal, county, or State agency or department. Nothing in this Act shall require the physical destruction of the internal office records, files, or databases maintained by a State's Attorney's Office or other

- 1 prosecutor or by the Office of the Secretary of State.
- "Juvenile court record" includes, but is not limited
  to:
  - (a) all documents filed in or maintained by the juvenile court pertaining to a specific incident, proceeding, or individual;
  - (b) all documents relating to a specific incident, proceeding, or individual made available to or maintained by probation officers;
  - (c) all documents, video or audio tapes, photographs, and exhibits admitted into evidence at juvenile court hearings; or
  - (d) all documents, transcripts, records, reports or other evidence prepared by, maintained by, or released by any municipal, county, or <u>State</u> state agency or department, in any format, if indicating involvement with the juvenile court relating to a specific incident, proceeding, or individual.

"Law enforcement record" includes, but is not limited to, records of arrest, station adjustments, fingerprints, probation adjustments, the issuance of a notice to appear, or any other records or documents maintained by any law enforcement agency relating to a minor suspected of committing an offense or evidence of interaction with law enforcement.

(0.1) (a) The Department of State Police and all law

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- enforcement agencies within the State shall automatically 1 2 expunge, on or before January 1 of each year, all law 3 enforcement records relating to events occurring before an individual's 18th birthday if: 4
  - (1) one year or more has elapsed since the date of the arrest or law enforcement interaction documented in the records;
    - (2) no petition for delinquency or criminal charges were filed with the clerk of the circuit court relating to the arrest or law enforcement interaction documented in the records; and
    - 6 months have elapsed without an additional (3) subsequent arrest or filing of a petition for delinquency or criminal charges whether related or not to the arrest or law enforcement interaction documented in the records.
    - (b) If the law enforcement agency is unable to verify satisfaction of conditions (2) and (3) of this subsection (0.1), records that satisfy condition (1) of this subsection (0.1) shall be automatically expunded if the records relate to an offense that if committed by an adult would not be an offense classified as Class 2 felony or higher, an offense under Article 11 of the Criminal Code of 1961 or Criminal Code of 2012, or an offense under Section 12-13, 12-14, 12-14.1, 12-15, or 12-16 of the Criminal Code of 1961.
  - (0.2) (a) Upon dismissal of a petition alleging delinquency or upon a finding of not delinquent, the successful termination

- of an order of supervision, or an adjudication for an offense which would be a Class B misdemeanor, Class C misdemeanor, or a petty or business offense if committed by an adult, the court shall automatically order the expungement of the juvenile court and law enforcement records within 60 business days.
  - (b) If the chief law enforcement officer of the agency, or his or her designee, certifies in writing that certain information is needed for a pending investigation involving the commission of a felony, that information, and information identifying the juvenile, may be retained in an intelligence file until the investigation is terminated or for one additional year, whichever is sooner. Retention of a portion of a juvenile's law enforcement record does not disqualify the remainder of his or her record from immediate automatic expungement.
  - (0.3) (a) Upon an adjudication of delinquency based on any offense except a disqualified offense, the juvenile court shall automatically order the expungement of the juvenile records 2 years after the juvenile's case was closed if no delinquency or criminal proceeding is pending and the person has had no subsequent delinquency adjudication or criminal conviction. The court shall automatically order the expungement of the juvenile court and law enforcement records within 60 business days. For the purposes of this subsection (0.3), "disqualified offense" means any of the following offenses: Section 8-1.2, 9-1, 9-1.2, 9-2, 9-2.1, 9-3, 9-3.2, 10-1, 10-2, 10-3, 10-3.1,

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(b) If the chief law enforcement officer of the agency, or his or her designee, certifies in writing that certain information is needed for a pending investigation involving the commission of a felony, that information, and information identifying the juvenile, may be retained in an intelligence file until the investigation is terminated or for one additional year, whichever is sooner. Retention of a portion of a juvenile's law enforcement record does not disqualify the remainder of his or her record from immediate automatic expungement.

Section 24-1.6, paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of Section

25-1, or subsection (a-7) of Section 31-1 of the Criminal Code

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- (1) Nothing in this subsection (1) precludes an eligible 1 2 minor from obtaining expungement under subsection subsections 3 (0.1), (0.2), or (0.3). Whenever a person has been arrested, charged, or adjudicated delinquent for an incident occurring 5 before his or her 18th birthday that if committed by an adult 6 would be an offense, and that person's records are not eligible 7 for automatic expungement under <u>subsection</u> subsections (0.1), 8 (0.2), or (0.3), the person may petition the court at any time 9 for expungement of law enforcement records and juvenile court 10 records relating to the incident and, upon termination of all 11 juvenile court proceedings relating to that incident, the court 12 shall order the expungement of all records in the possession of 13 the Department of State Police, the clerk of the circuit court, and law enforcement agencies relating to the incident, but only 14 15 in any of the following circumstances:
  - (a) the minor was arrested and no petition for delinquency was filed with the clerk of the circuit court;
  - (a-5) the minor was charged with an offense and the petition or petitions were dismissed without a finding of delinquency;
  - (b) the minor was charged with an offense and was found not delinquent of that offense;
  - (c) the minor was placed under supervision pursuant to Section 5-615, and the order of supervision has since been successfully terminated; or
    - (d) the minor was adjudicated for an offense which

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- would be a Class B misdemeanor, Class C misdemeanor, or a 1 2 petty or business offense if committed by an adult.
- (1.5) January 1, 2015 (Public Act 98-637) The Department of State Police shall allow a person to use the Access and Review process, established in the Department of State Police, for verifying that his or her law enforcement records relating to incidents occurring before his or her 18th birthday eligible 7 under this Act have been expunded.
- 9 (1.6) (Blank). January 1, 2015 (Public Act 98 637) January 10 1, 2015 (Public Act 98 637)
- 11 (1.7) (Blank).
- 12 (1.8) (Blank).
  - (2) Any person whose delinquency adjudications are not eligible for automatic expungement under subsection (0.3) of this Section may petition the court to expunge all law enforcement records relating to any incidents occurring before his or her 18th birthday which did not result in proceedings in criminal court and all juvenile court records with respect to any adjudications except those based upon first degree murder or an offense under Article 11 of the Criminal Code of 2012 if the person is required to register under the Sex Offender Registration Act; provided that:
    - (a) (blank); or
- (b) 2 years have elapsed since all juvenile court 24 25 proceedings relating to him or her have been terminated and 26 his or her commitment to the Department of Juvenile Justice

under this Act has been terminated.

- (2.5) If a minor is arrested and no petition for delinquency is filed with the clerk of the circuit court at the time the minor is released from custody, the youth officer, if applicable, or other designated person from the arresting agency, shall notify verbally and in writing to the minor or the minor's parents or guardians that the minor shall have an arrest record and shall provide the minor and the minor's parents or guardians with an expungement information packet, information regarding this State's expungement laws including a petition to expunge juvenile records obtained from the clerk of the circuit court.
- (2.6) If a minor is referred to court then at the time of sentencing or dismissal of the case, or successful completion of supervision, the judge shall inform the delinquent minor of his or her rights regarding expungement and the clerk of the circuit court shall provide an expungement information packet to the minor, written in plain language, including information regarding this State's expungement laws and a petition for expungement, a sample of a completed petition, expungement instructions that shall include information informing the minor that (i) once the case is expunged, it shall be treated as if it never occurred, (ii) he or she may apply to have petition fees waived, (iii) once he or she obtains an expungement, he or she may not be required to disclose that he or she had a juvenile record, and (iv) if petitioning he or she

1	may file the petition on his or her own or with the assistance
2	of an attorney. The failure of the judge to inform the
3	delinquent minor of his or her right to petition for
4	expungement as provided by law does not create a substantive
5	right, nor is that failure grounds for: (i) a reversal of an
6	adjudication of delinquency, (ii) a new trial; or (iii) an
7	appeal.
8	(2.7) (Blank).
9	(2.8) The petition for expungement for subsection (1) and
10	(2) may include multiple offenses on the same petition and
11	shall be substantially in the following form:
12	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF, ILLINOIS
13	JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
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15 16 17 18 19 20 21	) (Name of Petitioner)  PETITION TO EXPUNGE JUVENILE RECORDS (705 ILCS 405/5-915 (SUBSECTION 1 AND 2))  Now comes, petitioner, and respectfully requests

- 1 ...... Police Department for the offense or offenses of
- 2 ....., and:
- 3 (Check All That Apply:)
- 4 ( ) a. no petition or petitions were filed with the Clerk of
- 5 the Circuit Court.
- 6 ( ) b. was charged with  $\dots$  and was found not delinquent of
- 7 the offense or offenses.
- 8 ( ) c. a petition or petitions were filed and the petition or
- 9 petitions were dismissed without a finding of delinquency on
- 10 ....
- 11 ( ) d. on ..... placed under supervision pursuant to Section
- 12 5-615 of the Juvenile Court Act of 1987 and such order of
- supervision successfully terminated on .......
- 14 () e. was adjudicated for the offense or offenses, which would
- 15 have been a Class B misdemeanor, a Class C misdemeanor, or a
- petty offense or business offense if committed by an adult.
- 17 ( ) f. was adjudicated for a Class A misdemeanor or felony,
- 18 except first degree murder or an offense under Article 11 of
- 19 the Criminal Code of 2012 if the person is required to register
- 20 under the Sex Offender Registration Act, and 2 years have
- 21 passed since the case was closed.
- 22 Petitioner .... has .... has not been arrested on charges in
- 23 this or any county other than the charges listed above. If
- 24 petitioner has been arrested on additional charges, please list
- 25 the charges below:
- 26 Charge(s): .....

1 Arresting Agency or Agencies:	1
2 Disposition/Result: (choose from a. through f., above):	2
3 WHEREFORE, the petitioner respectfully requests this Honorable	3
4 Court to (1) order all law enforcement agencies to expunge all	4
5 records of petitioner to this incident or incidents, and (2) to	5
6 order the Clerk of the Court to expunge all records concerning	6
7 the petitioner regarding this incident or incidents.	7
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9 Petitioner (Signature)	9
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11 Petitioner's Street Address	11
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13 City, State, Zip Code	13
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15 Petitioner's Telephone Number	15
16 Pursuant to the penalties of perjury under the Code of Civil	16
17 Procedure, 735 ILCS 5/1-109, I hereby certify that the	17
18 statements in this petition are true and correct, or on	18
19 information and belief I believe the same to be true.	19
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Petitioner (Signature)

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(3) The chief judge of the circuit in which an arrest was made or a charge was brought or any judge of that circuit designated by the chief judge may, upon verified petition of a person who is the subject of an arrest or a juvenile court proceeding under subsection (1) or (2) of this Section, order the law enforcement records or official court file, or both, to be expunded from the official records of the arresting authority, the clerk of the circuit court and the Department of State Police. The person whose records are to be expunged shall petition the court using the appropriate form containing his or her current address and shall promptly notify the clerk of the circuit court of any change of address. Notice of the petition shall be served upon the State's Attorney or prosecutor charged with the duty of prosecuting the offense, the Department of State Police, and the arresting agency or agencies by the clerk of the circuit court. If an objection is filed within 45 days of the notice of the petition, the clerk of the circuit court shall set a date for hearing after the 45-day objection period. At the hearing the court shall hear evidence on whether the expungement should or should not be granted. Unless the State's Attorney or prosecutor, the Department of State Police, or an arresting agency objects to the expungement within 45 days of the notice, the court may enter an order granting expungement. The clerk shall forward a certified copy of the order to the

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2	ATTENTION: Expungement
3	You are hereby notified that on, at, in courtroom
4	, located at, before the Honorable, Judge, or any
5	judge sitting in his/her stead, I shall then and there present
6	a Petition to Expunge Juvenile records in the above-entitled
7	matter, at which time and place you may appear.
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9	Petitioner's Signature
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11	Petitioner's Street Address
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13	City, State, Zip Code
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15	Petitioner's Telephone Number
16	PROOF OF SERVICE
17	On the day of, 20, I on oath state that I
18	served this notice and true and correct copies of the
19	above-checked documents by:
20	(Check One:)
21	delivering copies personally to each entity to whom they are
22	directed;
23	or
24	by mailing copies to each entity to whom they are directed by
25	depositing the same in the U.S. Mail, proper postage fully
26	prepaid, before the hour of 5:00 p.m., at the United States

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25 IN THE INTEREST OF ) NO.

1	waive all costs in this matter, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:
2	( ) 1. Clerk of Court and Department of State Police costs
3	are hereby waived in this matter.
4	( ) 2. The Illinois State Police Bureau of Identification
5	and the following law enforcement agencies expunge all records
6	of petitioner relating to an arrest dated for the
7	offense of
8	Law Enforcement Agencies:
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11	( ) 3. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk of the Circuit
12	Court expunge all records regarding the above-captioned case.
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15	JUDGE
16	DATED:
17	Name:
18	Attorney for:
19	Address: City/State/Zip:
20	Attorney Number:
21	(3.3) The Notice of Objection shall be in substantially the
22	following form:
23	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF, ILLINOIS
24	JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

- with the duty of prosecuting the offense sought to be expunged; 1
- 2 ( ) Department of Illinois State Police; or
- 3 ( ) Arresting Agency or Agencies.
- The agency checked above respectfully requests that this case
- 5 be continued and set for hearing on whether the expungement
- 6 should or should not be granted.
- 7 DATED: .....
- 8 Name:
- 9 Attorney For:
- 10 Address:
- 11 City/State/Zip:
- 12 Telephone:
- 13 Attorney No.:
- 14 FOR USE BY CLERK OF THE COURT PERSONNEL ONLY
- 15 This matter has been set for hearing on the foregoing
- 16 objection, on ..... in room ...., located at ....., before the
- 17 Honorable ...., Judge, or any judge sitting in his/her stead.
- (Only one hearing shall be set, regardless of the number of 18
- 19 Notices of Objection received on the same case).
- 20 A copy of this completed Notice of Objection containing the
- court date, time, and location, has been sent via regular U.S. 21
- 22 Mail to the following entities. (If more than one Notice of
- 23 Objection is received on the same case, each one must be
- completed with the court date, time and location and mailed to 24
- 25 the following entities):
- 26 ( ) Attorney, Public Defender or Minor;

- 1 () State's Attorney's Office;
- 2 ( ) Prosecutor (other than State's Attorney's Office) charged
- 3 with the duty of prosecuting the offense sought to be expunged;
- 4 () Department of Illinois State Police; and
- 5 () Arresting agency or agencies.
- 6 Date: .....
- 7 Initials of Clerk completing this section: .....
- 8 (4) (a) Upon entry of an order expunging records or files,
- 9 the offense, which the records or files concern shall be
- 10 treated as if it never occurred. Law enforcement officers and
- other public offices and agencies shall properly reply on
- inquiry that no record or file exists with respect to the
- 13 person.
- 14 (a-5) Local law enforcement agencies shall send written
- notice to the minor of the expungement of any records within 60
- 16 days of automatic expundement or the date of service of an
- 17 expungement order, whichever applies. If a minor's court file
- 18 has been expunded, the clerk of the circuit court shall send
- 19 written notice to the minor of the expungement of any records
- 20 within 60 days of automatic expungement or the date of service
- of an expungement order, whichever applies.
- 22 (b) Except with respect to authorized military personnel,
- 23 an expunded juvenile record may not be considered by any
- 24 private or public entity in employment matters, certification,
- licensing, revocation of certification or licensure, or
- 26 registration. Applications for employment within the State

must contain specific language that states that the applicant 1 2 is not obligated to disclose expunged juvenile records of 3 adjudication or arrest. Employers may not ask, in any format or context, if an applicant has had a juvenile record expunded. 4 5 Information about an expunded record obtained by a potential employer, even inadvertently, from an employment application 6 7 that does not contain specific language that states that the 8 applicant is not obligated to disclose expunged juvenile

(c) A person whose juvenile records have been expunded is not entitled to remission of any fines, costs, or other money paid as a consequence of expundement.

dissemination of an expunded record by the employer.

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- (5.5) Whether or not expunded, records eligible for automatic expundement under subdivision (0.1)(a), (0.2)(a), or (0.3)(a) may be treated as expunded by the individual subject to the records.
  - (6) Nothing in this Section shall be construed to prohibit the maintenance of information relating to an offense after records or files concerning the offense have been expunged if the information is kept in a manner that does not enable identification of the individual. This information may only be used for anonymous statistical and bona fide research purposes.
- (6.5) The Department of State Police or any employee of the Department shall be immune from civil or criminal liability for

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- failure to expunge any records of arrest that are subject to
  expungement under this Section because of inability to verify a
  record. Nothing in this Section shall create Department of
  State Police liability or responsibility for the expungement of
  law enforcement records it does not possess.
  - (7) (a) The State Appellate Defender shall establish, maintain, and carry out, by December 31, 2004, a juvenile expungement program to provide information and assistance to minors eligible to have their juvenile records expunged.
    - (b) The State Appellate Defender shall develop brochures, pamphlets, and other materials in printed form and through the agency's World Wide Web site. The pamphlets and other materials shall include at a minimum the following information:
      - (i) An explanation of the State's juvenile expungement laws, including both automatic expungement and expungement by petition;
  - (ii) The circumstances under which juvenile expungement may occur;
    - (iii) The juvenile offenses that may be expunded;
  - (iv) The steps necessary to initiate and complete the juvenile expungement process; and
- 22 (v) Directions on how to contact the State Appellate
  23 Defender.
- (c) The State Appellate Defender shall establish and maintain a statewide toll-free telephone number that a person may use to receive information or assistance concerning the

- expungement of juvenile records. The State Appellate Defender shall advertise the toll-free telephone number statewide. The State Appellate Defender shall develop an expungement information packet that may be sent to eligible persons seeking expungement of their juvenile records, which may include, but is not limited to, a pre-printed expungement petition with instructions on how to complete the petition and a pamphlet containing information that would assist individuals through the juvenile expungement process.
- 10 (d) The State Appellate Defender shall compile a statewide 11 list of volunteer attorneys willing to assist eligible 12 individuals through the juvenile expungement process.
  - (e) This Section shall be implemented from funds appropriated by the General Assembly to the State Appellate Defender for this purpose. The State Appellate Defender shall employ the necessary staff and adopt the necessary rules for implementation of this Section.
  - (7.5) (a) Willful dissemination of any information contained in an expunged record shall be treated as a Class C misdemeanor and punishable by a fine of \$1,000 per violation.
  - (b) Willful dissemination for financial gain of any information contained in an expunged record shall be treated as a Class 4 felony. Dissemination for financial gain by an employee of any municipal, county, or State agency, including law enforcement, shall result in immediate termination.
  - (c) The person whose record was expunded has a right of

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- action against any person who intentionally disseminates an expunged record. In the proceeding, punitive damages up to an amount of \$1,000 may be sought in addition to any actual damages. The prevailing party shall be entitled to costs and reasonable attorney fees.
  - (d) The punishments for dissemination of an expunged record shall never apply to the person whose record was expunged.
    - (8) (a) An expunged juvenile record may not be considered by any private or public entity in employment matters, certification, licensing, revocation of certification or licensure, or registration. Applications for employment must contain specific language that states that the applicant is not disclose expunged juvenile records obligated to adjudication, conviction, or arrest. Employers may not ask if an applicant has had a juvenile record expunged. Effective January 1, 2005, the Department of Labor shall develop a link on the Department's website to inform employers that employers may not ask if an applicant had a juvenile record expunged and that application for employment must contain specific language that states that the applicant is not obligated to disclose expunged juvenile records of adjudication, arrest, conviction.

## (b) (Blank). Public Act 93-912

(c) The expungement of juvenile records under <u>subsection</u> subsection 0.1, 0.2, or 0.3 of this Section shall be funded by the additional fine imposed under Section 5-9-1.17 of the

- Unified Code of Corrections. 1
- 2 (9) (Blank).
- 3 (10) (Blank). Public Act 98-637 Public Act 98-637
- (Source: P.A. 99-835, eff. 1-1-17; 99-881, eff. 1-1-17; 4
- 100-201, eff. 8-18-17; 100-285, eff. 1-1-18; revised 5
- 6 10-10-17.)
- 7 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
- 8 becoming law.