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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

20 ILCS 2630/5.2

Amends the Criminal Identification Act. Allows a person who 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, aftercare release, or mandatory supervised release, to petition for sealing before expiration of applicable waiting periods under the sealing law. The person cannot have completed the same educational goal previously. If the person's petition for sealing is denied, then the applicable waiting period under the sealing law shall apply to any subsequent petition for sealing by the person.

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1 AN ACT concerning State government.

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

4 Section 5. The Criminal Identification Act is amended by
5 changing Section 5.2 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 2630/5.2)

7 Sec. 5.2. Expungement and sealing.

8 (a) General Provisions.

9 (1) Definitions. In this Act, words and phrases have
10 the meanings set forth in this subsection, except when a
11 particular context clearly requires a different meaning.

12 (A) The following terms shall have the meanings
13 ascribed to them in the Unified Code of Corrections,
14 730 ILCS 5/5-1-2 through 5/5-1-22:

15 (i) Business Offense (730 ILCS 5/5-1-2),

16 (ii) Charge (730 ILCS 5/5-1-3),

17 (iii) Court (730 ILCS 5/5-1-6),

18 (iv) Defendant (730 ILCS 5/5-1-7),

19 (v) Felony (730 ILCS 5/5-1-9),

20 (vi) Imprisonment (730 ILCS 5/5-1-10),

21 (vii) Judgment (730 ILCS 5/5-1-12),

22 (viii) Misdemeanor (730 ILCS 5/5-1-14),

23 (ix) Offense (730 ILCS 5/5-1-15),

- 1 (x) Parole (730 ILCS 5/5-1-16),
2 (xi) Petty Offense (730 ILCS 5/5-1-17),
3 (xii) Probation (730 ILCS 5/5-1-18),
4 (xiii) Sentence (730 ILCS 5/5-1-19),
5 (xiv) Supervision (730 ILCS 5/5-1-21), and
6 (xv) Victim (730 ILCS 5/5-1-22).

7 (B) As used in this Section, "charge not initiated
8 by arrest" means a charge (as defined by 730 ILCS
9 5/5-1-3) brought against a defendant where the
10 defendant is not arrested prior to or as a direct
11 result of the charge.

12 (C) "Conviction" means a judgment of conviction or
13 sentence entered upon a plea of guilty or upon a
14 verdict or finding of guilty of an offense, rendered by
15 a legally constituted jury or by a court of competent
16 jurisdiction authorized to try the case without a jury.
17 An order of supervision successfully completed by the
18 petitioner is not a conviction. An order of qualified
19 probation (as defined in subsection (a)(1)(J))
20 successfully completed by the petitioner is not a
21 conviction. An order of supervision or an order of
22 qualified probation that is terminated
23 unsatisfactorily is a conviction, unless the
24 unsatisfactory termination is reversed, vacated, or
25 modified and the judgment of conviction, if any, is
26 reversed or vacated.

1 (D) "Criminal offense" means a petty offense,
2 business offense, misdemeanor, felony, or municipal
3 ordinance violation (as defined in subsection
4 (a)(1)(H)). As used in this Section, a minor traffic
5 offense (as defined in subsection (a)(1)(G)) shall not
6 be considered a criminal offense.

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

16 (F) As used in this Section, "last sentence" means
17 the sentence, order of supervision, or order of
18 qualified probation (as defined by subsection
19 (a)(1)(J)), for a criminal offense (as defined by
20 subsection (a)(1)(D)) that terminates last in time in
21 any jurisdiction, regardless of whether the petitioner
22 has included the criminal offense for which the
23 sentence or order of supervision or qualified
24 probation was imposed in his or her petition. If
25 multiple sentences, orders of supervision, or orders
26 of qualified probation terminate on the same day and

1 are last in time, they shall be collectively considered
2 the "last sentence" regardless of whether they were
3 ordered to run concurrently.

4 (G) "Minor traffic offense" means a petty offense,
5 business offense, or Class C misdemeanor under the
6 Illinois Vehicle Code or a similar provision of a
7 municipal or local ordinance.

8 (H) "Municipal ordinance violation" means an
9 offense defined by a municipal or local ordinance that
10 is criminal in nature and with which the petitioner was
11 charged or for which the petitioner was arrested and
12 released without charging.

13 (I) "Petitioner" means an adult or a minor
14 prosecuted as an adult who has applied for relief under
15 this Section.

16 (J) "Qualified probation" means an order of
17 probation under Section 10 of the Cannabis Control Act,
18 Section 410 of the Illinois Controlled Substances Act,
19 Section 70 of the Methamphetamine Control and
20 Community Protection Act, Section 5-6-3.3 or 5-6-3.4
21 of the Unified Code of Corrections, Section
22 12-4.3(b) (1) and (2) of the Criminal Code of 1961 (as
23 those provisions existed before their deletion by
24 Public Act 89-313), Section 10-102 of the Illinois
25 Alcoholism and Other Drug Dependency Act, Section
26 40-10 of the Alcoholism and Other Drug Abuse and

1 Dependency Act, or Section 10 of the Steroid Control
2 Act. For the purpose of this Section, "successful
3 completion" of an order of qualified probation under
4 Section 10-102 of the Illinois Alcoholism and Other
5 Drug Dependency Act and Section 40-10 of the Alcoholism
6 and Other Drug Abuse and Dependency Act means that the
7 probation was terminated satisfactorily and the
8 judgment of conviction was vacated.

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

19 (L) "Sexual offense committed against a minor"
20 includes but is not limited to the offenses of indecent
21 solicitation of a child or criminal sexual abuse when
22 the victim of such offense is under 18 years of age.

23 (M) "Terminate" as it relates to a sentence or
24 order of supervision or qualified probation includes
25 either satisfactory or unsatisfactory termination of
26 the sentence, unless otherwise specified in this

1 Section.

2 (2) Minor Traffic Offenses. Orders of supervision or
3 convictions for minor traffic offenses shall not affect a
4 petitioner's eligibility to expunge or seal records
5 pursuant to this Section.

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

9 (A) the sealing or expungement of the records of
10 arrests or charges not initiated by arrest that result
11 in an order of supervision for or conviction of: (i)
12 any sexual offense committed against a minor; (ii)
13 Section 11-501 of the Illinois Vehicle Code or a
14 similar provision of a local ordinance; or (iii)
15 Section 11-503 of the Illinois Vehicle Code or a
16 similar provision of a local ordinance, unless the
17 arrest or charge is for a misdemeanor violation of
18 subsection (a) of Section 11-503 or a similar provision
19 of a local ordinance, that occurred prior to the
20 offender reaching the age of 25 years and the offender
21 has no other conviction for violating Section 11-501 or
22 11-503 of the Illinois Vehicle Code or a similar
23 provision of a local ordinance.

24 (B) the sealing or expungement of records of minor
25 traffic offenses (as defined in subsection (a) (1) (G)),
26 unless the petitioner was arrested and released

1 without charging.

2 (C) the sealing of the records of arrests or
3 charges not initiated by arrest which result in an
4 order of supervision, an order of qualified probation
5 (as defined in subsection (a)(1)(J)), or a conviction
6 for the following offenses:

7 (i) offenses included in Article 11 of the
8 Criminal Code of 1961 or the Criminal Code of 2012
9 or a similar provision of a local ordinance, except
10 Section 11-14 of the Criminal Code of 1961 or the
11 Criminal Code of 2012, or a similar provision of a
12 local ordinance;

13 (ii) Section 11-1.50, 12-3.4, 12-15, 12-30,
14 26-5, or 48-1 of the Criminal Code of 1961 or the
15 Criminal Code of 2012, or a similar provision of a
16 local ordinance;

17 (iii) offenses defined as "crimes of violence"
18 in Section 2 of the Crime Victims Compensation Act
19 or a similar provision of a local ordinance;

20 (iv) offenses which are Class A misdemeanors
21 under the Humane Care for Animals Act; or

22 (v) any offense or attempted offense that
23 would subject a person to registration under the
24 Sex Offender Registration Act.

25 (D) the sealing of the records of an arrest which
26 results in the petitioner being charged with a felony

1 offense or records of a charge not initiated by arrest
2 for a felony offense unless:

3 (i) the charge is amended to a misdemeanor and
4 is otherwise eligible to be sealed pursuant to
5 subsection (c);

6 (ii) the charge is brought along with another
7 charge as a part of one case and the charge results
8 in acquittal, dismissal, or conviction when the
9 conviction was reversed or vacated, and another
10 charge brought in the same case results in a
11 disposition for a misdemeanor offense that is
12 eligible to be sealed pursuant to subsection (c) or
13 a disposition listed in paragraph (i), (iii), or
14 (iv) of this subsection;

15 (iii) the charge results in first offender
16 probation as set forth in subsection (c) (2) (E);

17 (iv) the charge is for a felony offense listed
18 in subsection (c) (2) (F) or the charge is amended to
19 a felony offense listed in subsection (c) (2) (F);

20 (v) the charge results in acquittal,
21 dismissal, or the petitioner's release without
22 conviction; or

23 (vi) the charge results in a conviction, but
24 the conviction was reversed or vacated.

25 (b) Expungement.

26 (1) A petitioner may petition the circuit court to

1 expunge the records of his or her arrests and charges not
2 initiated by arrest when:

3 (A) He or she has never been convicted of a
4 criminal offense; and

5 (B) Each arrest or charge not initiated by arrest
6 sought to be expunged resulted in: (i) acquittal,
7 dismissal, or the petitioner's release without
8 charging, unless excluded by subsection (a)(3)(B);
9 (ii) a conviction which was vacated or reversed, unless
10 excluded by subsection (a)(3)(B); (iii) an order of
11 supervision and such supervision was successfully
12 completed by the petitioner, unless excluded by
13 subsection (a)(3)(A) or (a)(3)(B); or (iv) an order of
14 qualified probation (as defined in subsection
15 (a)(1)(J)) and such probation was successfully
16 completed by the petitioner.

17 (2) Time frame for filing a petition to expunge.

18 (A) When the arrest or charge not initiated by
19 arrest sought to be expunged resulted in an acquittal,
20 dismissal, the petitioner's release without charging,
21 or the reversal or vacation of a conviction, there is
22 no waiting period to petition for the expungement of
23 such records.

24 (B) When the arrest or charge not initiated by
25 arrest sought to be expunged resulted in an order of
26 supervision, successfully completed by the petitioner,

1 the following time frames will apply:

2 (i) Those arrests or charges that resulted in
3 orders of supervision under Section 3-707, 3-708,
4 3-710, or 5-401.3 of the Illinois Vehicle Code or a
5 similar provision of a local ordinance, or under
6 Section 11-1.50, 12-3.2, or 12-15 of the Criminal
7 Code of 1961 or the Criminal Code of 2012, or a
8 similar provision of a local ordinance, shall not
9 be eligible for expungement until 5 years have
10 passed following the satisfactory termination of
11 the supervision.

12 (i-5) Those arrests or charges that resulted
13 in orders of supervision for a misdemeanor
14 violation of subsection (a) of Section 11-503 of
15 the Illinois Vehicle Code or a similar provision of
16 a local ordinance, that occurred prior to the
17 offender reaching the age of 25 years and the
18 offender has no other conviction for violating
19 Section 11-501 or 11-503 of the Illinois Vehicle
20 Code or a similar provision of a local ordinance
21 shall not be eligible for expungement until the
22 petitioner has reached the age of 25 years.

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

1 the supervision.

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

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

12 (4) Whenever a person has been arrested for or
13 convicted of any offense, in the name of a person whose
14 identity he or she has stolen or otherwise come into
15 possession of, the aggrieved person from whom the identity
16 was stolen or otherwise obtained without authorization,
17 upon learning of the person having been arrested using his
18 or her identity, may, upon verified petition to the chief
19 judge of the circuit wherein the arrest was made, have a
20 court order entered nunc pro tunc by the Chief Judge to
21 correct the arrest record, conviction record, if any, and
22 all official records of the arresting authority, the
23 Department, other criminal justice agencies, the
24 prosecutor, and the trial court concerning such arrest, if
25 any, by removing his or her name from all such records in
26 connection with the arrest and conviction, if any, and by

1 inserting in the records the name of the offender, if known
2 or ascertainable, in lieu of the aggrieved's name. The
3 records of the circuit court clerk shall be sealed until
4 further order of the court upon good cause shown and the
5 name of the aggrieved person obliterated on the official
6 index required to be kept by the circuit court clerk under
7 Section 16 of the Clerks of Courts Act, but the order shall
8 not affect any index issued by the circuit court clerk
9 before the entry of the order. Nothing in this Section
10 shall limit the Department of State Police or other
11 criminal justice agencies or prosecutors from listing
12 under an offender's name the false names he or she has
13 used.

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

1 shall make the records of the circuit court clerk in
2 connection with the proceedings of the trial court
3 concerning the offense available for public inspection.

4 (6) If a conviction has been set aside on direct review
5 or on collateral attack and the court determines by clear
6 and convincing evidence that the petitioner was factually
7 innocent of the charge, the court that finds the petitioner
8 factually innocent of the charge shall enter an expungement
9 order for the conviction for which the petitioner has been
10 determined to be innocent as provided in subsection (b) of
11 Section 5-5-4 of the Unified Code of Corrections.

12 (7) Nothing in this Section shall prevent the
13 Department of State Police from maintaining all records of
14 any person who is admitted to probation upon terms and
15 conditions and who fulfills those terms and conditions
16 pursuant to Section 10 of the Cannabis Control Act, Section
17 410 of the Illinois Controlled Substances Act, Section 70
18 of the Methamphetamine Control and Community Protection
19 Act, Section 5-6-3.3 or 5-6-3.4 of the Unified Code of
20 Corrections, Section 12-4.3 or subdivision (b)(1) of
21 Section 12-3.05 of the Criminal Code of 1961 or the
22 Criminal Code of 2012, Section 10-102 of the Illinois
23 Alcoholism and Other Drug Dependency Act, Section 40-10 of
24 the Alcoholism and Other Drug Abuse and Dependency Act, or
25 Section 10 of the Steroid Control Act.

26 (8) If the petitioner has been granted a certificate of

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

7 (c) Sealing.

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

13 (2) Eligible Records. The following records may be
14 sealed:

15 (A) All arrests resulting in release without
16 charging;

17 (B) Arrests or charges not initiated by arrest
18 resulting in acquittal, dismissal, or conviction when
19 the conviction was reversed or vacated, except as
20 excluded by subsection (a) (3) (B);

21 (C) Arrests or charges not initiated by arrest
22 resulting in orders of supervision successfully
23 completed by the petitioner, unless excluded by
24 subsection (a) (3);

25 (D) Arrests or charges not initiated by arrest
26 resulting in convictions unless excluded by subsection

1 (a) (3);

2 (E) Arrests or charges not initiated by arrest
3 resulting in orders of first offender probation under
4 Section 10 of the Cannabis Control Act, Section 410 of
5 the Illinois Controlled Substances Act, Section 70 of
6 the Methamphetamine Control and Community Protection
7 Act, or Section 5-6-3.3 of the Unified Code of
8 Corrections; and

9 (F) Arrests or charges not initiated by arrest
10 resulting in felony convictions for the following
11 offenses:

12 (i) Class 4 felony convictions for:

13 Prostitution under Section 11-14 of the
14 Criminal Code of 1961 or the Criminal Code of
15 2012.

16 Possession of cannabis under Section 4 of
17 the Cannabis Control Act.

18 Possession of a controlled substance under
19 Section 402 of the Illinois Controlled
20 Substances Act.

21 Offenses under the Methamphetamine
22 Precursor Control Act.

23 Offenses under the Steroid Control Act.

24 Theft under Section 16-1 of the Criminal
25 Code of 1961 or the Criminal Code of 2012.

26 Retail theft under Section 16A-3 or

1 paragraph (a) of 16-25 of the Criminal Code of
2 1961 or the Criminal Code of 2012.

3 Deceptive practices under Section 17-1 of
4 the Criminal Code of 1961 or the Criminal Code
5 of 2012.

6 Forgery under Section 17-3 of the Criminal
7 Code of 1961 or the Criminal Code of 2012.

8 Possession of burglary tools under Section
9 19-2 of the Criminal Code of 1961 or the
10 Criminal Code of 2012.

11 (ii) Class 3 felony convictions for:

12 Theft under Section 16-1 of the Criminal
13 Code of 1961 or the Criminal Code of 2012.

14 Retail theft under Section 16A-3 or
15 paragraph (a) of 16-25 of the Criminal Code of
16 1961 or the Criminal Code of 2012.

17 Deceptive practices under Section 17-1 of
18 the Criminal Code of 1961 or the Criminal Code
19 of 2012.

20 Forgery under Section 17-3 of the Criminal
21 Code of 1961 or the Criminal Code of 2012.

22 Possession with intent to manufacture or
23 deliver a controlled substance under Section
24 401 of the Illinois Controlled Substances Act.

25 (3) When Records Are Eligible to Be Sealed. Records
26 identified as eligible under subsection (c)(2) may be

1 sealed as follows:

2 (A) Records identified as eligible under
3 subsection (c) (2) (A) and (c) (2) (B) may be sealed at any
4 time.

5 (B) Except as otherwise provided in subparagraph
6 (E) of this paragraph (3), records ~~Records~~ identified
7 as eligible under subsection (c) (2) (C) may be sealed
8 (i) 3 years after the termination of petitioner's last
9 sentence (as defined in subsection (a) (1) (F)) if the
10 petitioner has never been convicted of a criminal
11 offense (as defined in subsection (a) (1) (D)); or (ii) 4
12 years after the termination of the petitioner's last
13 sentence (as defined in subsection (a) (1) (F)) if the
14 petitioner has ever been convicted of a criminal
15 offense (as defined in subsection (a) (1) (D)).

16 (C) Except as otherwise provided in subparagraph
17 (E) of this paragraph (3), records ~~Records~~ identified
18 as eligible under subsections (c) (2) (D), (c) (2) (E),
19 and (c) (2) (F) may be sealed 4 years after the
20 termination of the petitioner's last sentence (as
21 defined in subsection (a) (1) (F)).

22 (D) Records identified in subsection
23 (a) (3) (A) (iii) may be sealed after the petitioner has
24 reached the age of 25 years.

25 (E) Records identified as eligible under
26 subsections (c) (2) (C), (c) (2) (D), (c) (2) (E), or

1 (c) (2) (F) may be sealed upon termination of the
2 petitioner's last sentence if the petitioner earned a
3 high school diploma, associate's degree, career
4 certificate, vocational technical certification, or
5 bachelor's degree, or passed the high school level Test
6 of General Educational Development, during the period
7 of his or her sentence, aftercare release, or mandatory
8 supervised release. This subparagraph shall apply only
9 to a petitioner who has not completed the same
10 educational goal prior to the period of his or her
11 sentence, aftercare release, or mandatory supervised
12 release. If a petition for sealing eligible records
13 filed under this subparagraph is denied by the court,
14 the time periods under subparagraph (B) or (C) shall
15 apply to any subsequent petition for sealing filed by
16 the petitioner.

17 (4) Subsequent felony convictions. A person may not
18 have subsequent felony conviction records sealed as
19 provided in this subsection (c) if he or she is convicted
20 of any felony offense after the date of the sealing of
21 prior felony convictions as provided in this subsection
22 (c). The court may, upon conviction for a subsequent felony
23 offense, order the unsealing of prior felony conviction
24 records previously ordered sealed by the court.

25 (5) Notice of eligibility for sealing. Upon entry of a
26 disposition for an eligible record under this subsection

1 (c), the petitioner shall be informed by the court of the
2 right to have the records sealed and the procedures for the
3 sealing of the records.

4 (d) Procedure. The following procedures apply to
5 expungement under subsections (b), (e), and (e-6) and sealing
6 under subsections (c) and (e-5):

7 (1) Filing the petition. Upon becoming eligible to
8 petition for the expungement or sealing of records under
9 this Section, the petitioner shall file a petition
10 requesting the expungement or sealing of records with the
11 clerk of the court where the arrests occurred or the
12 charges were brought, or both. If arrests occurred or
13 charges were brought in multiple jurisdictions, a petition
14 must be filed in each such jurisdiction. The petitioner
15 shall pay the applicable fee, if not waived.

16 (2) Contents of petition. The petition shall be
17 verified and shall contain the petitioner's name, date of
18 birth, current address and, for each arrest or charge not
19 initiated by arrest sought to be sealed or expunged, the
20 case number, the date of arrest (if any), the identity of
21 the arresting authority, and such other information as the
22 court may require. During the pendency of the proceeding,
23 the petitioner shall promptly notify the circuit court
24 clerk of any change of his or her address. If the
25 petitioner has received a certificate of eligibility for
26 sealing from the Prisoner Review Board under paragraph (10)

1 of subsection (a) of Section 3-3-2 of the Unified Code of
2 Corrections, the certificate shall be attached to the
3 petition.

4 (3) Drug test. The petitioner must attach to the
5 petition proof that the petitioner has passed a test taken
6 within 30 days before the filing of the petition showing
7 the absence within his or her body of all illegal
8 substances as defined by the Illinois Controlled
9 Substances Act, the Methamphetamine Control and Community
10 Protection Act, and the Cannabis Control Act if he or she
11 is petitioning to:

12 (A) seal felony records under clause (c) (2) (E);

13 (B) seal felony records for a violation of the
14 Illinois Controlled Substances Act, the
15 Methamphetamine Control and Community Protection Act,
16 or the Cannabis Control Act under clause (c) (2) (F);

17 (C) seal felony records under subsection (e-5); or

18 (D) expunge felony records of a qualified
19 probation under clause (b) (1) (B) (iv).

20 (4) Service of petition. The circuit court clerk shall
21 promptly serve a copy of the petition and documentation to
22 support the petition under subsection (e), (e-5), or (e-6)
23 on the State's Attorney or prosecutor charged with the duty
24 of prosecuting the offense, the Department of State Police,
25 the arresting agency and the chief legal officer of the
26 unit of local government effecting the arrest.

1 (5) Objections.

2 (A) Any party entitled to notice of the petition
3 may file an objection to the petition. All objections
4 shall be in writing, shall be filed with the circuit
5 court clerk, and shall state with specificity the basis
6 of the objection.

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

10 (6) Entry of order.

11 (A) The Chief Judge of the circuit wherein the
12 charge was brought, any judge of that circuit
13 designated by the Chief Judge, or in counties of less
14 than 3,000,000 inhabitants, the presiding trial judge
15 at the petitioner's trial, if any, shall rule on the
16 petition to expunge or seal as set forth in this
17 subsection (d) (6).

18 (B) Unless the State's Attorney or prosecutor, the
19 Department of State Police, the arresting agency, or
20 the chief legal officer files an objection to the
21 petition to expunge or seal within 60 days from the
22 date of service of the petition, the court shall enter
23 an order granting or denying the petition.

24 (7) Hearings. If an objection is filed, the court shall
25 set a date for a hearing and notify the petitioner and all
26 parties entitled to notice of the petition of the hearing

1 date at least 30 days prior to the hearing. Prior to the
2 hearing, the State's Attorney shall consult with the
3 Department as to the appropriateness of the relief sought
4 in the petition to expunge or seal. At the hearing, the
5 court shall hear evidence on whether the petition should or
6 should not be granted, and shall grant or deny the petition
7 to expunge or seal the records based on the evidence
8 presented at the hearing. The court may consider the
9 following:

10 (A) the strength of the evidence supporting the
11 defendant's conviction;

12 (B) the reasons for retention of the conviction
13 records by the State;

14 (C) the petitioner's age, criminal record history,
15 and employment history;

16 (D) the period of time between the petitioner's
17 arrest on the charge resulting in the conviction and
18 the filing of the petition under this Section; and

19 (E) the specific adverse consequences the
20 petitioner may be subject to if the petition is denied.

21 (8) Service of order. After entering an order to
22 expunge or seal records, the court must provide copies of
23 the order to the Department, in a form and manner
24 prescribed by the Department, to the petitioner, to the
25 State's Attorney or prosecutor charged with the duty of
26 prosecuting the offense, to the arresting agency, to the

1 chief legal officer of the unit of local government
2 effecting the arrest, and to such other criminal justice
3 agencies as may be ordered by the court.

4 (9) Implementation of order.

5 (A) Upon entry of an order to expunge records
6 pursuant to (b) (2) (A) or (b) (2) (B) (ii), or both:

7 (i) the records shall be expunged (as defined
8 in subsection (a) (1) (E)) by the arresting agency,
9 the Department, and any other agency as ordered by
10 the court, within 60 days of the date of service of
11 the order, unless a motion to vacate, modify, or
12 reconsider the order is filed pursuant to
13 paragraph (12) of subsection (d) of this Section;

14 (ii) the records of the circuit court clerk
15 shall be impounded until further order of the court
16 upon good cause shown and the name of the
17 petitioner obliterated on the official index
18 required to be kept by the circuit court clerk
19 under Section 16 of the Clerks of Courts Act, but
20 the order shall not affect any index issued by the
21 circuit court clerk before the entry of the order;
22 and

23 (iii) in response to an inquiry for expunged
24 records, the court, the Department, or the agency
25 receiving such inquiry, shall reply as it does in
26 response to inquiries when no records ever

1 existed.

2 (B) Upon entry of an order to expunge records
3 pursuant to (b) (2) (B) (i) or (b) (2) (C), or both:

4 (i) the records shall be expunged (as defined
5 in subsection (a) (1) (E)) by the arresting agency
6 and any other agency as ordered by the court,
7 within 60 days of the date of service of the order,
8 unless a motion to vacate, modify, or reconsider
9 the order is filed pursuant to paragraph (12) of
10 subsection (d) of this Section;

11 (ii) the records of the circuit court clerk
12 shall be impounded until further order of the court
13 upon good cause shown and the name of the
14 petitioner obliterated on the official index
15 required to be kept by the circuit court clerk
16 under Section 16 of the Clerks of Courts Act, but
17 the order shall not affect any index issued by the
18 circuit court clerk before the entry of the order;

19 (iii) the records shall be impounded by the
20 Department within 60 days of the date of service of
21 the order as ordered by the court, unless a motion
22 to vacate, modify, or reconsider the order is filed
23 pursuant to paragraph (12) of subsection (d) of
24 this Section;

25 (iv) records impounded by the Department may
26 be disseminated by the Department only as required

1 by law or to the arresting authority, the State's
2 Attorney, and the court upon a later arrest for the
3 same or a similar offense or for the purpose of
4 sentencing for any subsequent felony, and to the
5 Department of Corrections upon conviction for any
6 offense; and

7 (v) in response to an inquiry for such records
8 from anyone not authorized by law to access such
9 records, the court, the Department, or the agency
10 receiving such inquiry shall reply as it does in
11 response to inquiries when no records ever
12 existed.

13 (B-5) Upon entry of an order to expunge records
14 under subsection (e-6):

15 (i) the records shall be expunged (as defined
16 in subsection (a)(1)(E)) by the arresting agency
17 and any other agency as ordered by the court,
18 within 60 days of the date of service of the order,
19 unless a motion to vacate, modify, or reconsider
20 the order is filed under paragraph (12) of
21 subsection (d) of this Section;

22 (ii) the records of the circuit court clerk
23 shall be impounded until further order of the court
24 upon good cause shown and the name of the
25 petitioner obliterated on the official index
26 required to be kept by the circuit court clerk

1 under Section 16 of the Clerks of Courts Act, but
2 the order shall not affect any index issued by the
3 circuit court clerk before the entry of the order;

4 (iii) the records shall be impounded by the
5 Department within 60 days of the date of service of
6 the order as ordered by the court, unless a motion
7 to vacate, modify, or reconsider the order is filed
8 under paragraph (12) of subsection (d) of this
9 Section;

10 (iv) records impounded by the Department may
11 be disseminated by the Department only as required
12 by law or to the arresting authority, the State's
13 Attorney, and the court upon a later arrest for the
14 same or a similar offense or for the purpose of
15 sentencing for any subsequent felony, and to the
16 Department of Corrections upon conviction for any
17 offense; and

18 (v) in response to an inquiry for these records
19 from anyone not authorized by law to access the
20 records, the court, the Department, or the agency
21 receiving the inquiry shall reply as it does in
22 response to inquiries when no records ever
23 existed.

24 (C) Upon entry of an order to seal records under
25 subsection (c), the arresting agency, any other agency
26 as ordered by the court, the Department, and the court

1 shall seal the records (as defined in subsection
2 (a) (1) (K)). In response to an inquiry for such records
3 from anyone not authorized by law to access such
4 records, the court, the Department, or the agency
5 receiving such inquiry shall reply as it does in
6 response to inquiries when no records ever existed.

7 (D) The Department shall send written notice to the
8 petitioner of its compliance with each order to expunge
9 or seal records within 60 days of the date of service
10 of that order or, if a motion to vacate, modify, or
11 reconsider is filed, within 60 days of service of the
12 order resolving the motion, if that order requires the
13 Department to expunge or seal records. In the event of
14 an appeal from the circuit court order, the Department
15 shall send written notice to the petitioner of its
16 compliance with an Appellate Court or Supreme Court
17 judgment to expunge or seal records within 60 days of
18 the issuance of the court's mandate. The notice is not
19 required while any motion to vacate, modify, or
20 reconsider, or any appeal or petition for
21 discretionary appellate review, is pending.

22 (10) Fees. The Department may charge the petitioner a
23 fee equivalent to the cost of processing any order to
24 expunge or seal records. Notwithstanding any provision of
25 the Clerks of Courts Act to the contrary, the circuit court
26 clerk may charge a fee equivalent to the cost associated

1 with the sealing or expungement of records by the circuit
2 court clerk. From the total filing fee collected for the
3 petition to seal or expunge, the circuit court clerk shall
4 deposit \$10 into the Circuit Court Clerk Operation and
5 Administrative Fund, to be used to offset the costs
6 incurred by the circuit court clerk in performing the
7 additional duties required to serve the petition to seal or
8 expunge on all parties. The circuit court clerk shall
9 collect and forward the Department of State Police portion
10 of the fee to the Department and it shall be deposited in
11 the State Police Services Fund.

12 (11) Final Order. No court order issued under the
13 expungement or sealing provisions of this Section shall
14 become final for purposes of appeal until 30 days after
15 service of the order on the petitioner and all parties
16 entitled to notice of the petition.

17 (12) Motion to Vacate, Modify, or Reconsider. Under
18 Section 2-1203 of the Code of Civil Procedure, the
19 petitioner or any party entitled to notice may file a
20 motion to vacate, modify, or reconsider the order granting
21 or denying the petition to expunge or seal within 60 days
22 of service of the order. If filed more than 60 days after
23 service of the order, a petition to vacate, modify, or
24 reconsider shall comply with subsection (c) of Section
25 2-1401 of the Code of Civil Procedure. Upon filing of a
26 motion to vacate, modify, or reconsider, notice of the

1 motion shall be served upon the petitioner and all parties
2 entitled to notice of the petition.

3 (13) Effect of Order. An order granting a petition
4 under the expungement or sealing provisions of this Section
5 shall not be considered void because it fails to comply
6 with the provisions of this Section or because of any error
7 asserted in a motion to vacate, modify, or reconsider. The
8 circuit court retains jurisdiction to determine whether
9 the order is voidable and to vacate, modify, or reconsider
10 its terms based on a motion filed under paragraph (12) of
11 this subsection (d).

12 (14) Compliance with Order Granting Petition to Seal
13 Records. Unless a court has entered a stay of an order
14 granting a petition to seal, all parties entitled to notice
15 of the petition must fully comply with the terms of the
16 order within 60 days of service of the order even if a
17 party is seeking relief from the order through a motion
18 filed under paragraph (12) of this subsection (d) or is
19 appealing the order.

20 (15) Compliance with Order Granting Petition to
21 Expunge Records. While a party is seeking relief from the
22 order granting the petition to expunge through a motion
23 filed under paragraph (12) of this subsection (d) or is
24 appealing the order, and unless a court has entered a stay
25 of that order, the parties entitled to notice of the
26 petition must seal, but need not expunge, the records until

1 there is a final order on the motion for relief or, in the
2 case of an appeal, the issuance of that court's mandate.

3 (16) The changes to this subsection (d) made by Public
4 Act 98-163 ~~this amendatory Act of the 98th General Assembly~~
5 apply to all petitions pending on August 5, 2013 (the
6 effective date of Public Act 98-163) ~~this amendatory Act of~~
7 ~~the 98th General Assembly~~ and to all orders ruling on a
8 petition to expunge or seal on or after August 5, 2013 (the
9 effective date of Public Act 98-163) ~~this amendatory Act of~~
10 ~~the 98th General Assembly~~.

11 (e) Whenever a person who has been convicted of an offense
12 is granted a pardon by the Governor which specifically
13 authorizes expungement, he or she may, upon verified petition
14 to the Chief Judge of the circuit where the person had been
15 convicted, any judge of the circuit designated by the Chief
16 Judge, or in counties of less than 3,000,000 inhabitants, the
17 presiding trial judge at the defendant's trial, have a court
18 order entered expunging the record of arrest from the official
19 records of the arresting authority and order that the records
20 of the circuit court clerk and the Department be sealed until
21 further order of the court upon good cause shown or as
22 otherwise provided herein, and the name of the defendant
23 obliterated from the official index requested to be kept by the
24 circuit court clerk under Section 16 of the Clerks of Courts
25 Act in connection with the arrest and conviction for the
26 offense for which he or she had been pardoned but the order

1 shall not affect any index issued by the circuit court clerk
2 before the entry of the order. All records sealed by the
3 Department may be disseminated by the Department only to the
4 arresting authority, the State's Attorney, and the court upon a
5 later arrest for the same or similar offense or for the purpose
6 of sentencing for any subsequent felony. Upon conviction for
7 any subsequent offense, the Department of Corrections shall
8 have access to all sealed records of the Department pertaining
9 to that individual. Upon entry of the order of expungement, the
10 circuit court clerk shall promptly mail a copy of the order to
11 the person who was pardoned.

12 (e-5) Whenever a person who has been convicted of an
13 offense is granted a certificate of eligibility for sealing by
14 the Prisoner Review Board which specifically authorizes
15 sealing, he or she may, upon verified petition to the Chief
16 Judge of the circuit where the person had been convicted, any
17 judge of the circuit designated by the Chief Judge, or in
18 counties of less than 3,000,000 inhabitants, the presiding
19 trial judge at the petitioner's trial, have a court order
20 entered sealing the record of arrest from the official records
21 of the arresting authority and order that the records of the
22 circuit court clerk and the Department be sealed until further
23 order of the court upon good cause shown or as otherwise
24 provided herein, and the name of the petitioner obliterated
25 from the official index requested to be kept by the circuit
26 court clerk under Section 16 of the Clerks of Courts Act in

1 connection with the arrest and conviction for the offense for
2 which he or she had been granted the certificate but the order
3 shall not affect any index issued by the circuit court clerk
4 before the entry of the order. All records sealed by the
5 Department may be disseminated by the Department only as
6 required by this Act or to the arresting authority, a law
7 enforcement agency, the State's Attorney, and the court upon a
8 later arrest for the same or similar offense or for the purpose
9 of sentencing for any subsequent felony. Upon conviction for
10 any subsequent offense, the Department of Corrections shall
11 have access to all sealed records of the Department pertaining
12 to that individual. Upon entry of the order of sealing, the
13 circuit court clerk shall promptly mail a copy of the order to
14 the person who was granted the certificate of eligibility for
15 sealing.

16 (e-6) Whenever a person who has been convicted of an
17 offense is granted a certificate of eligibility for expungement
18 by the Prisoner Review Board which specifically authorizes
19 expungement, he or she may, upon verified petition to the Chief
20 Judge of the circuit where the person had been convicted, any
21 judge of the circuit designated by the Chief Judge, or in
22 counties of less than 3,000,000 inhabitants, the presiding
23 trial judge at the petitioner's trial, have a court order
24 entered expunging the record of arrest from the official
25 records of the arresting authority and order that the records
26 of the circuit court clerk and the Department be sealed until

1 further order of the court upon good cause shown or as
2 otherwise provided herein, and the name of the petitioner
3 obliterated from the official index requested to be kept by the
4 circuit court clerk under Section 16 of the Clerks of Courts
5 Act in connection with the arrest and conviction for the
6 offense for which he or she had been granted the certificate
7 but the order shall not affect any index issued by the circuit
8 court clerk before the entry of the order. All records sealed
9 by the Department may be disseminated by the Department only as
10 required by this Act or to the arresting authority, a law
11 enforcement agency, the State's Attorney, and the court upon a
12 later arrest for the same or similar offense or for the purpose
13 of sentencing for any subsequent felony. Upon conviction for
14 any subsequent offense, the Department of Corrections shall
15 have access to all expunged records of the Department
16 pertaining to that individual. Upon entry of the order of
17 expungement, the circuit court clerk shall promptly mail a copy
18 of the order to the person who was granted the certificate of
19 eligibility for expungement.

20 (f) Subject to available funding, the Illinois Department
21 of Corrections shall conduct a study of the impact of sealing,
22 especially on employment and recidivism rates, utilizing a
23 random sample of those who apply for the sealing of their
24 criminal records under Public Act 93-211. At the request of the
25 Illinois Department of Corrections, records of the Illinois
26 Department of Employment Security shall be utilized as

1 appropriate to assist in the study. The study shall not
2 disclose any data in a manner that would allow the
3 identification of any particular individual or employing unit.
4 The study shall be made available to the General Assembly no
5 later than September 1, 2010.

6 (Source: P.A. 97-443, eff. 8-19-11; 97-698, eff. 1-1-13;
7 97-1026, eff. 1-1-13; 97-1108, eff. 1-1-13; 97-1109, eff.
8 1-1-13; 97-1118, eff. 1-1-13; 97-1120, eff. 1-1-13; 97-1150,
9 eff. 1-25-13; 98-133, eff. 1-1-14; 98-142, eff. 1-1-14; 98-163,
10 eff. 8-5-13; 98-164, eff. 1-1-14; 98-399, eff. 8-16-13; revised
11 9-4-13.)