1 AN ACT concerning courts.

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.
- 9 (0.05) For purposes of this Section and Section 5-622:

"Expunge" means to physically destroy the records and to obliterate the minor's name from any official index or public record, or both. 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 prosecutor.

"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 maintained by a law enforcement agency relating to a minor suspected of committing an offense.

(1) Whenever <u>a person has been arrested</u>, charged, or adjudicated delinquent for an incident occurring before his or her 18th birthday that if committed by an adult would be an

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offense, the person may petition the court at any time for expungement of law enforcement records and juvenile court records relating to the incident and upon termination of any person has attained the age of 18 or whenever all juvenile court proceedings relating to that incident, the court shall order the expungement of all records in the possession of the Department of State Police, the clerk of the circuit court, and law enforcement agencies relating to the incident, that person have been terminated, whichever is later, the person may petition the court to expunge law enforcement records relating to incidents occurring before his or her 18th birthday or his or her juvenile court records, or both, but only 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; or
- (a-5) the minor was charged with an offense and the petition or petitions were dismissed without a finding of delinguency;
- (b) the minor was charged with an offense and was found not delinquent of that offense; or
- (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 would be a Class B misdemeanor, Class C misdemeanor, or a

petty or business offense if committed by an adult.

- (1.5) Commencing 180 days after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 98th General Assembly, the Department of State Police shall automatically expunge, on or before January 1 of each year, a person's law enforcement records which are not subject to subsection (1) relating to incidents occurring before his or her 18th birthday in the Department's possession or control and which contains the final disposition which pertain to the person when arrested as a minor if:
 - (a) the minor was arrested for an eligible offense and no petition for delinquency was filed with the clerk of the circuit court; and
 - (b) the person attained the age of 18 years during the last calendar year; and
 - (c) since the date of the minor's most recent arrest, at least 6 months have elapsed without an additional arrest, filing of a petition for delinquency whether related or not to a previous arrest, or filing of charges not initiated by arrest.

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 under this subsection have been expunged as provided in this subsection.

The Department of State Police shall provide by rule the

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1 process for access, review, and automatic expungement.

(1.6) Commencing on the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 98th General Assembly, a person whose enforcement records are not subject to subsection (1) or (1.5) of this Section and who has attained the age of 18 years may use the Access and Review process, established Department of State Police, for verifying his or her law enforcement records relating to incidents occurring before his or her 18th birthday in the Department's possession or control which pertain to the person when arrested as a minor, if the incident occurred no earlier than 30 years before the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 98th General Assembly. If the person identifies a law enforcement record of an eliqible offense that meets the requirements of this subsection, paragraphs (a) and (c) of subsection (1.5) of this Section, and all juvenile court proceedings related to the person have been terminated, the person may file a Request for Expungement of Juvenile Law Enforcement Records, in the form and manner prescribed by the Department of State Police, with the Department and the Department shall consider expungement of the record as otherwise provided for automatic expungement under subsection (1.5) of this Section. The person shall provide notice and a copy of the Request for Expungement of Juvenile Law Enforcement Records to the arresting agency, prosecutor charged with the prosecution of the minor, or the State's Attorney of the county that prosecuted the minor.

- Department of State Police shall provide by rule the process 1
- 2 for access, review, and Request for Expungement of Juvenile Law
- Enforcement Records. 3
- (1.7) Nothing in subsections (1.5) and (1.6) of this
- 5 Section precludes a person from filing a petition under
- subsection (1) for expungement of records subject to automatic 6
- 7 expungement under that subsection (1) or subsection (1.5) or
- 8 (1.6) of this Section.
- 9 (1.8) For the purposes of subsections (1.5) and (1.6) of
- 10 this Section, "eligible offense" means records relating to an
- 11 arrest or incident occurring before the person's 18th birthday
- 12 that if committed by an adult is not an offense classified as a
- Class 2 felony or higher offense, an offense under Article 11 13
- of the Criminal Code of 1961 or the Criminal Code of 2012, or 14
- an offense under Section 12-13, 12-14, 12-14.1, 12-15, or 12-16 15
- 16 of the Criminal Code of 1961.
- 17 (2) Any person may petition the court to expunge all law
- enforcement records relating to any incidents occurring before 18
- 19 his or her 18th birthday which did not result in proceedings in
- 20 criminal court and all juvenile court records with respect to
- any adjudications except those based upon first degree murder 21
- 22 and sex offenses which would be felonies if committed by an
- 23 adult, if the person for whom expungement is sought has had no
- convictions for any crime since his or her 18th birthday and: 24
- 25 (a) has attained the age of 21 years; or
- 26 (b) 5 years have elapsed since all juvenile court

1 proceedings relating to him or her have been terminated or

2 his or her commitment to the Department of Juvenile Justice

3 pursuant to this Act has been terminated;

4 whichever is later of (a) or (b). Nothing in this Section 5-915

precludes a minor from obtaining expungement under Section

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- (2.5)If a minor is arrested and no petition for delinquency is filed with the clerk of the circuit court as provided in paragraph (a) of subsection (1) 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 quardians that if the State's Attorney does not file a petition for delinquency, the minor has a right to petition to have his or her arrest record expunged when the minor attains the age of 18 or when all juvenile court proceedings relating to that minor have been terminated and that unless a petition to expunde is filed, the minor shall have an arrest record and shall provide the minor and the minor's parents or guardians with an expungement information packet, including a petition to expunge juvenile records obtained from the clerk of the circuit court.
- (2.6) If a minor is charged with an offense and is found not delinquent of that offense; or if a minor is placed under supervision under Section 5-615, and the order of supervision is successfully terminated; or if a minor is adjudicated for an

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offense that would be a Class B misdemeanor, a Class C misdemeanor, or a business or petty offense if committed by an adult; or if a minor has incidents occurring before his or her 18th birthday that have not resulted in proceedings in criminal court, or resulted in proceedings in juvenile court, and the adjudications were not based upon first degree murder or sex offenses that would be felonies if committed by an adult; then at the time of sentencing or dismissal of the case, the judge shall inform the delinquent minor of his or her right to petition for expungement as provided by law, and the clerk of the circuit court shall provide an expungement information packet to the delinquent minor, written in plain language, including a petition for expungement, a sample of a completed petition, expungement instructions that shall 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) he or she may file the petition on his or her own or with the assistance of an attorney. The failure of the judge to inform the delinquent minor of his or her right to petition for expungement as provided by law does not create a substantive right, nor is that failure grounds for: (i) a reversal of an adjudication of delinquency, (ii) a new trial; or (iii) an appeal.

(2.7) For counties with a population over 3,000,000, the 1 2 clerk of the circuit court shall send a "Notification of a Possible Right to Expungement" post card to the minor at the 3 address last received by the clerk of the circuit court on the 5 date that the minor attains the age of 18 based on the birthdate provided to the court by the minor or his or her 6 7 guardian in cases under paragraphs (b), (c), and (d) of 8 subsection (1); and when the minor attains the age of 21 based 9 on the birthdate provided to the court by the minor or his or her quardian in cases under subsection (2). 10 11 (2.8) The petition for expungement for subsection (1) may 12 include multiple offenses on the same petition and shall be 13 substantially in the following form: 14 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF, ILLINOIS 15 JUDICIAL CIRCUIT 16 IN THE INTEREST OF) NO. 17) 18) 19 20 (Name of Petitioner)

21 PETITION TO EXPUNGE JUVENILE RECORDS

22 (705 ILCS 405/5-915 (SUBSECTION 1))

Now comes, petitioner, and respectfully requests that this Honorable Court enter an order expunging all juvenile

- 1 law enforcement and court records of petitioner and in support
- 2 thereof states that: Petitioner has attained the age of
- 3 18, his/her birth date being, or all Juvenile Court
- 4 proceedings terminated as of, whichever occurred later.
- 5 Petitioner was arrested on by the Police
- 6 Department for the offense or offenses of, and:
- 7 (Check All That Apply:)
- 8 () a. no petition or petitions were filed with the Clerk of
- 9 the Circuit Court.
- 10 () b. was charged with and was found not delinquent of
- 11 the offense or offenses.
- 12 () c. a petition or petitions were filed and the petition or
- 13 petitions were dismissed without a finding of delinquency on
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- 15 () d. on placed under supervision pursuant to Section
- 16 5-615 of the Juvenile Court Act of 1987 and such order of
- supervision successfully terminated on
- 18 () e. was adjudicated for the offense or offenses, which would
- 19 have been a Class B misdemeanor, a Class C misdemeanor, or a
- 20 petty offense or business offense if committed by an adult.
- 21 Petitioner has has not been arrested on charges in
- 22 this or any county other than the charges listed above. If
- 23 petitioner has been arrested on additional charges, please list
- 24 the charges below:
- 25 Charge(s):
- 26 Arresting Agency or Agencies:

1 Disposition/Result: (choose from a. through e., above):
2 WHEREFORE, the petitioner respectfully requests this Honorable
3 Court to (1) order all law enforcement agencies to expunge al.
4 records of petitioner to this incident or incidents, and (2) to
5 order the Clerk of the Court to expunge all records concerning
6 the petitioner regarding this incident or incidents.
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8 Petitioner (Signature
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10 Petitioner's Street Addres
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12 City, State, Zip Code
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14 Petitioner's Telephone Number
Pursuant to the penalties of perjury under the Code of Civi
Procedure, 735 ILCS 5/1-109, I hereby certify that the
17 statements in this petition are true and correct, or or
information and belief I believe the same to be true.
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20 Petitioner (Signature

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- 1 The Petition for Expungement for subsection (2) shall be
- 2 substantially in the following form:
- 3 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF, ILLINOIS
- 4 JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
- 5 IN THE INTEREST OF) NO.
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- 9 (Name of Petitioner)
- 10 PETITION TO EXPUNGE JUVENILE RECORDS
- 11 (705 ILCS 405/5-915 (SUBSECTION 2))
- 12 (Please prepare a separate petition for each offense)
- Now comes, petitioner, and respectfully requests
- 14 that this Honorable Court enter an order expunging all Juvenile
- 15 Law Enforcement and Court records of petitioner and in support
- 16 thereof states that:
- 17 The incident for which the Petitioner seeks expungement
- 18 occurred before the Petitioner's 18th birthday and did not
- 19 result in proceedings in criminal court and the Petitioner has
- 20 not had any convictions for any crime since his/her 18th
- 21 birthday; and
- 22 The incident for which the Petitioner seeks expungement
- 23 occurred before the Petitioner's 18th birthday and the

- 1 adjudication was not based upon first-degree murder or sex
- 2 offenses which would be felonies if committed by an adult, and
- 3 the Petitioner has not had any convictions for any crime since
- 4 his/her 18th birthday.
- 5 Petitioner was arrested on by the Police
- 6 Department for the offense of, and:
- 7 (Check whichever one occurred the latest:)
- 8 () a. The Petitioner has attained the age of 21 years, his/her
- 9 birthday being; or
- 10 () b. 5 years have elapsed since all juvenile court
- 11 proceedings relating to the Petitioner have been terminated; or
- 12 the Petitioner's commitment to the Department of Juvenile
- Justice pursuant to the expungement of juvenile law enforcement
- 14 and court records provisions of the Juvenile Court Act of 1987
- has been terminated. Petitioner ...has ...has not been arrested
- on charges in this or any other county other than the charge
- 17 listed above. If petitioner has been arrested on additional
- charges, please list the charges below:
- 19 Charge(s):
- 20 Arresting Agency or Agencies:
- 21 Disposition/Result: (choose from a or b, above):
- 22 WHEREFORE, the petitioner respectfully requests this Honorable
- 23 Court to (1) order all law enforcement agencies to expunge all
- 24 records of petitioner related to this incident, and (2) to
- order the Clerk of the Court to expunge all records concerning
- the petitioner regarding this incident.

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2	Petitioner (Signature)
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4	Petitioner's Street Address
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6	City, State, Zip Code
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8	Petitioner's Telephone Number
9	Pursuant to the penalties of perjury under the Code of Civil
10	Procedure, 735 ILCS 5/1-109, I hereby certify that the
11	statements in this petition are true and correct, or on
12	information and belief I believe the same to be true.
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14	Petitioner (Signature)
15	(3) The chief judge of the circuit in which an arrest was
16	made or a charge was brought or any judge of that circuit
17	designated by the chief judge may, upon verified petition of a
18	person who is the subject of an arrest or a juvenile court
19	proceeding under subsection (1) or (2) of this Section, order
20	the law enforcement records or official court file, or both, to
21	be expunged from the official records of the arresting
22	authority, the clerk of the circuit court and the Department of

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(3.1) The Notice of Expungement shall be in substantially the following form:

26 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF, ILLINOIS

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Clerk of the Circuit Court or Deputy Clerk

1	a Petition to Expunge Juvenile records in the above-entitled
2	matter, at which time and place you may appear.
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4	Petitioner's Signature
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6	Petitioner's Street Address
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8	City, State, Zip Code
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10	Petitioner's Telephone Number
11	PROOF OF SERVICE
12	On the day of, 20, I on oath state that I
13	served this notice and true and correct copies of the
14	above-checked documents by:
15	(Check One:)
16	delivering copies personally to each entity to whom they are
17	directed;
18	or
19	by mailing copies to each entity to whom they are directed by
20	depositing the same in the U.S. Mail, proper postage fully
21	prepaid, before the hour of 5:00 p.m., at the United States
22	Postal Depository located at
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25	Signature

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1	NOTICE OF OBJECTION
2	TO: (Attorney, Public Defender, Minor)
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8	TO: (Clerk of the Court)
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11	TO: (Judge)
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14	TO: (Arresting Agency/Agencies)
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17	ATTENTION: You are hereby notified that an objection has been
18	filed by the following entity regarding the above-named minor's
19	petition for expungement of juvenile records:
20	() State's Attorney's Office;
21	() Prosecutor (other than State's Attorney's Office) charged
22	with the duty of prosecuting the offense sought to be expunged;
23	() Department of Illinois State Police; or
24	() Arresting Agency or Agencies.
25	The agency checked above respectfully requests that this case
26	be continued and set for hearing on whether the expungement

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

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- 2 Initials of Clerk completing this section:
- 3 (4) Upon entry of an order expunging records or files, the 4 offense, which the records or files concern shall be treated as 5 if it never occurred. Law enforcement officers and other public 6 offices and agencies shall properly reply on inquiry that no
- 8 (5) Records which have not been expunded are sealed, and 9 may be obtained only under the provisions of Sections 5-901, 10 5-905 and 5-915.

record or file exists with respect to the person.

- (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 offender. This information may only be used for 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 failure to expunge any records of arrest that are subject to expungement under subsection (1.5) or (1.6) of this Section because of inability to verify a record. Nothing in subsection (1.5) or (1.6) of this Section shall create Department of State Police liability or responsibility for the expungement of law enforcement records it does not possess.
- 25 (7)(a) The State Appellate Defender shall establish, 26 maintain, and carry out, by December 31, 2004, a juvenile

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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:
- 7 (i) An explanation of the State's juvenile expungement 8 process;
 - (ii) The circumstances under which juvenile
 expungement may occur;
 - (iii) The juvenile offenses that may be expunged;
- 12 (iv) The steps necessary to initiate and complete the 13 juvenile expungement process; and
 - (v) Directions on how to contact the State Appellate Defender.
 - 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

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- 1 the juvenile expungement process.
- 2 (d) The State Appellate Defender shall compile a statewide 3 list of volunteer attorneys willing to assist eligible 4 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.
 - (8) (a) Except with respect to law enforcement agencies, the Department of Corrections, State's Attorneys, or prosecutors, 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 obligated to disclose expunded juvenile records of 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 expunded and that application for employment must contain specific language that states that the applicant is not obligated to disclose expunged juvenile records of arrest or conviction.
 - (b) A person whose juvenile records have been expunded is

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- not entitled to remission of any fines, costs, or other money paid as a consequence of expungement. This amendatory Act of the 93rd General Assembly does not affect the right of the victim of a crime to prosecute or defend a civil action for damages.
 - (c) The expungement of juvenile records under Section 5-622 shall be funded by the additional fine imposed under Section 5-9-1.17 of the Unified Code of Corrections and additional appropriations made by the General Assembly for such purpose.
 - (9) The changes made to this Section by Public Act 98-61 apply to 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).
- (10) The changes made in subsection (1.5) of this Section 14 15 by this amendatory Act of the 98th General Assembly apply to 16 law enforcement records of a minor who has been arrested or 17 taken into custody on or after January 1, 2015. The changes made in subsection (1.6) of this Section by this amendatory Act 18 19 of the 98th General Assembly apply to law enforcement records 20 of a minor who has been arrested or taken into custody before January 1, 2015. 21
- 22 (Source: P.A. 98-61, eff. 1-1-14; 98-637, eff. 1-1-15; 98-756,
- 23 eff. 7-16-14.)