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SENATE BILL No. 182

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Synopsis: Court procedures. Specifies that an arrest, criminal charge, or juvenile delinquency allegation that results in an adjudication for an infraction does not result in a conviction for purposes of expungement. Authorizes a person participating in a pretrial diversion program to file a petition for expungement with the authorization of the prosecuting attorney. Requires a court to automatically issue an expungement order, subject to certain exceptions, if: (1) all pending charges or allegations against a person are dismissed; (2) the person is acquitted or the conviction or true finding is vacated; (3) one year has passed since allegations were filed against a juvenile and the state is not pursuing the case; or (4) the person is arrested for a crime and no charges have been filed within 180 days. Makes conforming amendments.

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Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2021 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

SENATE BILL No. 182

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning criminal law and procedure.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 35-38-9-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.219-2019,
2 SECTION 7, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2022]: Sec. 1. (a) This section applies only to a person who
4 has been arrested, charged with an offense, or alleged to be a
5 delinquent child, if:
6 (1) the arrest, criminal charge, or juvenile delinquency allegation:
7 (A) did not result in a conviction or juvenile adjudication,
8 **even if the arrest, criminal charge, or juvenile delinquency**
9 **allegation resulted in an adjudication for an infraction;** or
10 (B) resulted in a conviction or juvenile adjudication and the
11 conviction or adjudication was expunged under sections 2
12 through 5 of this chapter, or was later vacated; and
13 (2) the person is not currently participating in a pretrial diversion
14 program, **unless the prosecuting attorney authorizes the person**
15 **to petition for an expungement under this section.**
16 (b) **This subsection applies to a person charged with an offense**
17 **or alleged to be a delinquent child after June 30, 2022. If:**

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1 **(1) a court dismisses all:**

2 **(A) criminal charges; or**

3 **(B) juvenile delinquency allegations;**
 4 **filed and pending against a person;**

5 **(2) one (1) year has passed since juvenile delinquency**
 6 **allegations were filed against a child, and:**

7 **(A) there is no disposition; and**

8 **(B) the state is not actively prosecuting the allegations; or**

9 **(3) in a:**

10 **(A) criminal trial a defendant is acquitted of all charges, or**
 11 **the defendant's conviction is later vacated; or**

12 **(B) juvenile proceeding the court finds all allegations not**
 13 **true, or the juvenile's true finding is later vacated;**

14 **the court shall immediately order all records related to the**
 15 **criminal charges or juvenile delinquency allegations expunged. An**
 16 **expungement order that is issued based on nonprosecution under**
 17 **subdivision (2) goes into effect immediately. An expungement order**
 18 **issued under subdivision (1) or (3) may not go into effect earlier**
 19 **than sixty (60) days from the date of the dismissal, acquittal, or no**
 20 **true finding. However, upon motion by the prosecuting attorney,**
 21 **if the court finds that specific facts exist in the particular case**
 22 **which justify a delay, the court may delay implementation of an**
 23 **expungement order under subdivision (1) or (3) for up to one (1)**
 24 **year from the date of the dismissal, acquittal, or no true finding.**

25 **(c) This subsection applies to a person arrested after June 30,**
 26 **2022. If:**

27 **(1) a person is arrested;**

28 **(2) one hundred eighty (180) days have elapsed since the date**
 29 **of the arrest; and**

30 **(3) no charges are pending against the person;**

31 **the prosecuting attorney shall notify a judge exercising criminal**
 32 **jurisdiction in the county (or a designated judge, if applicable) of**
 33 **these facts. Upon receipt of the notification, the judge shall**
 34 **immediately order the expungement of all records related to the**
 35 **arrest.**

36 ~~(b)~~ **(d) Not earlier than one (1) year after the date of arrest, criminal**
 37 **charge, or juvenile delinquency allegation (whichever is later), if the**
 38 **person was not convicted or adjudicated a delinquent child, or the**
 39 **opinion vacating the conviction or adjudication becomes final, the**
 40 **person may petition the court for expungement of the records related**
 41 **to the arrest, criminal charge, or juvenile delinquency allegation.**
 42 **However, a person may petition the court for expungement at an earlier**



1 time if the prosecuting attorney agrees in writing to an earlier time.

2 ~~(e)~~ (e) A petition for expungement of records must be verified and
 3 filed in a circuit or superior court in the county where the criminal
 4 charges or juvenile delinquency allegation was filed, or if no criminal
 5 charges or juvenile delinquency allegation was filed, in the county
 6 where the arrest occurred. The petition must set forth:

7 (1) the date of the arrest, criminal charges, or juvenile
 8 delinquency allegation, and conviction (if applicable);

9 (2) the county in which the arrest occurred, the county in which
 10 the information or indictment was filed, and the county in which
 11 the juvenile delinquency allegation was filed, if applicable;

12 (3) the law enforcement agency employing the arresting officer,
 13 if known;

14 (4) the court in which the criminal charges or juvenile
 15 delinquency allegation was filed, if applicable;

16 (5) any other known identifying information, such as:

17 (A) the name of the arresting officer;

18 (B) case number or court cause number;

19 (C) any aliases or other names used by the petitioner;

20 (D) the petitioner's driver's license number; and

21 (E) a list of each criminal charge and its disposition, if
 22 applicable;

23 (6) the date of the petitioner's birth; and

24 (7) the petitioner's Social Security number.

25 A person who files a petition under this section is not required to pay
 26 a filing fee.

27 ~~(d)~~ (f) The court shall serve a copy of the petition on the prosecuting
 28 attorney.

29 ~~(e)~~ (g) Upon receipt of a petition for expungement, the court:

30 (1) may summarily deny the petition if the petition does not meet
 31 the requirements of this section, or if the statements contained in
 32 the petition indicate that the petitioner is not entitled to relief; and

33 (2) shall grant the petition unless:

34 (A) the conditions described in subsection (a) have not been
 35 met; or

36 (B) criminal charges are pending against the person.

37 ~~(f)~~ (h) Whenever the petition of a person under this section is
 38 granted, **or if an expungement order is issued without a petition**
 39 **under subsection (b) or (c):**

40 (1) no information concerning the arrest, criminal charges,
 41 juvenile delinquency allegation, vacated conviction, or vacated
 42 juvenile delinquency adjudication (including information from a



- 1 collateral action that identifies the petitioner), may be placed or
 2 retained in any state central repository for criminal history
 3 information or in any other alphabetically arranged criminal
 4 history information system maintained by a local, regional, or
 5 statewide law enforcement agency;
- 6 (2) the clerk of the supreme court shall seal or redact any records
 7 in the clerk's possession that relate to the arrest, criminal charges,
 8 juvenile delinquency allegation, vacated conviction, or vacated
 9 juvenile delinquency adjudication;
- 10 (3) the records of:
- 11 (A) the sentencing court;
 - 12 (B) a court that conducted a collateral action;
 - 13 (C) a juvenile court;
 - 14 (D) a court of appeals; and
 - 15 (E) the supreme court;
- 16 concerning the person shall be redacted or permanently sealed;
 17 and
- 18 (4) with respect to the records of a person who is named as an
 19 appellant or an appellee in an opinion or memorandum decision
 20 by the supreme court or the court of appeals, or who is identified
 21 in a collateral action, the court shall:
- 22 (A) redact the opinion or memorandum decision as it appears
 23 on the computer gateway administered by the office of
 24 technology so that it does not include the petitioner's name (in
 25 the same manner that opinions involving juveniles are
 26 redacted); and
 - 27 (B) provide a redacted copy of the opinion to any publisher or
 28 organization to whom the opinion or memorandum decision is
 29 provided after the date of the order of expungement.
- 30 The supreme court and the court of appeals are not required to
 31 redact, destroy, or otherwise dispose of any existing copy of an
 32 opinion or memorandum decision that includes the petitioner's
 33 name.
- 34 ~~(g)~~ (i) If the court issues an order granting a petition for
 35 expungement under this section, **or issues an order for expungement**
 36 **without a petition under subsection (b) or (c)**, the order must include
 37 the information described in ~~subsection (c)~~: **subsection (e)**.
- 38 ~~(h)~~ (j) If a person whose records are expunged brings an action that
 39 might be defended with the contents of the expunged records, the
 40 defendant is presumed to have a complete defense to the action. In
 41 order for the plaintiff to recover, the plaintiff must show that the
 42 contents of the expunged records would not exonerate the defendant.



1 The plaintiff may be required to state under oath whether the plaintiff
 2 had records in the criminal **or juvenile** justice system and whether
 3 those records were expunged. If the plaintiff denies the existence of the
 4 records, the defendant may prove their existence in any manner
 5 compatible with the law of evidence.

6 SECTION 2. IC 35-38-9-6, AS AMENDED BY P.L.219-2019,
 7 SECTION 12, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 8 JULY 1, 2022]: Sec. 6. (a) If the court orders conviction records,
 9 including any records relating to the conviction and any records
 10 concerning a collateral action, expunged under sections 2 through 3 of
 11 this chapter, the court shall do the following with respect to the specific
 12 records expunged by the court:

13 (1) Order:

- 14 (A) the department of correction;
 15 (B) the bureau of motor vehicles; and
 16 (C) each:

- 17 (i) law enforcement agency; and
 18 (ii) other person;

19 who incarcerated, prosecuted, provided treatment for, or
 20 provided other services for the person under an order of the
 21 court;

22 to prohibit the release of the person's records or information in the
 23 person's records to anyone without a court order, other than a law
 24 enforcement officer acting in the course of the officer's official
 25 duty.

26 (2) Order the central repository for criminal history information
 27 maintained by the state police department to seal the person's
 28 expunged conviction records, including information related to:

29 (A) an arrest or offense:

- 30 (i) in which no conviction was entered; and
 31 (ii) that was committed as part of the same episode of
 32 criminal conduct as the case ordered expunged; and

33 (B) any other references to any matters related to the case
 34 ordered expunged, including in a collateral action.

35 This subdivision does not require the state police department to
 36 seal any record the state police department does not have legal
 37 authority to seal.

38 (3) Records sealed under subdivision (2) may be disclosed only
 39 to:

40 (A) a prosecuting attorney, if:

- 41 (i) authorized by a court order; and
 42 (ii) needed to carry out the official duties of the prosecuting



- 1 attorney;
- 2 (B) a defense attorney, if:
- 3 (i) authorized by a court order; and
- 4 (ii) needed to carry out the professional duties of the defense
- 5 attorney;
- 6 (C) a probation department, if:
- 7 (i) authorized by a court order; and
- 8 (ii) necessary to prepare a presentence report;
- 9 (D) the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Department of
- 10 Homeland Security, if disclosure is required to comply with an
- 11 agreement relating to the sharing of criminal history
- 12 information;
- 13 (E) the:
- 14 (i) supreme court;
- 15 (ii) members of the state board of law examiners;
- 16 (iii) executive director of the state board of law examiners;
- 17 and
- 18 (iv) employees of the state board of law examiners, in
- 19 accordance with rules adopted by the state board of law
- 20 examiners;
- 21 for the purpose of determining whether an applicant possesses
- 22 the necessary good moral character for admission to the bar;
- 23 (F) a person required to access expunged records to comply
- 24 with the Secure and Fair Enforcement for Mortgage Licensing
- 25 Act (12 U.S.C. 5101 et seq.) or regulations adopted under the
- 26 Secure and Fair Enforcement for Mortgage Licensing Act; and
- 27 (G) the bureau of motor vehicles, the Federal Motor Carrier
- 28 Administration, and the Commercial Drivers License
- 29 Information System (CDLIS), if disclosure is required to
- 30 comply with federal law relating to reporting a conviction for
- 31 a violation of a traffic control law.
- 32 (4) Notify the clerk of the supreme court to seal any records in the
- 33 clerk's possession that relate to the conviction, including any
- 34 records concerning a collateral action.
- 35 A probation department may provide an unredacted version of a
- 36 presentence report disclosed under subdivision (3)(C) to any person
- 37 authorized by law to receive a presentence report.
- 38 (b) Except as provided in subsection (c), if a petition to expunge
- 39 conviction records, including any records relating to the conviction and
- 40 any records concerning a collateral action, is granted under sections 2
- 41 through 3 of this chapter, the records of:
- 42 (1) the sentencing court;



- 1 (2) a court that conducted a collateral action;
 2 (3) a juvenile court;
 3 (4) a court of appeals; and
 4 (5) the supreme court;
 5 concerning the person shall be permanently sealed. However, a petition
 6 for expungement granted under sections 2 through 3 of this chapter
 7 does not affect an existing or pending driver's license suspension.
 8 (c) If a petition to expunge conviction records, including any records
 9 relating to the conviction and any records concerning a collateral
 10 action, is granted under sections 2 through 3 of this chapter with
 11 respect to the records of a person who is named as an appellant or an
 12 appellee in an opinion or memorandum decision by the supreme court
 13 or the court of appeals, or who is identified in a collateral action, the
 14 court shall:
 15 (1) redact the opinion or memorandum decision as it appears on
 16 the computer gateway administered by the office of technology so
 17 that it does not include the petitioner's name (in the same manner
 18 that opinions involving juveniles are redacted); and
 19 (2) provide a redacted copy of the opinion to any publisher or
 20 organization to whom the opinion or memorandum decision is
 21 provided after the date of the order of expungement.
 22 The supreme court and court of appeals are not required to destroy or
 23 otherwise dispose of any existing copy of an opinion or memorandum
 24 decision that includes the petitioner's name.
 25 (d) Notwithstanding subsection (b), a prosecuting attorney may
 26 submit a written application to a court that granted an expungement
 27 petition under this chapter to gain access to any records that were
 28 permanently sealed under subsection (b), if the records are relevant in
 29 a new prosecution of the person. If a prosecuting attorney who submits
 30 a written application under this subsection shows that the records are
 31 relevant for a new prosecution of the person, the court that granted the
 32 expungement petition shall:
 33 (1) order the records to be unsealed; and
 34 (2) allow the prosecuting attorney who submitted the written
 35 application to have access to the records.
 36 If a court orders records to be unsealed under this subsection, the court
 37 shall order the records to be permanently resealed at the earliest
 38 possible time after the reasons for unsealing the records cease to exist.
 39 However, if the records are admitted as evidence against the person in
 40 a new prosecution that results in the person's conviction, or are used to
 41 enhance a sentence imposed on the person in a new prosecution, the
 42 court is not required to reseat the records.



1 (e) If a person whose conviction records, including any records
 2 relating to the conviction and any records concerning a collateral
 3 action, are expunged under sections 2 through 5 of this chapter is
 4 required to register as a sex offender based on the commission of a
 5 felony which has been expunged:

6 (1) the expungement does not affect the operation of the sex
 7 offender registry web site, any person's ability to access the
 8 person's records, records required to be maintained concerning
 9 sex or violent offenders, or any registration requirement imposed
 10 on the person; and

11 (2) the expunged conviction records must be clearly marked as
 12 expunged on the sex offender registry web site.

13 (f) Expungement of a crime of domestic violence under section 2 of
 14 this chapter does not restore a person's right to possess a firearm. The
 15 right of a person convicted of a crime of domestic violence to possess
 16 a firearm may be restored only in accordance with IC 35-47-4-7.

17 (g) If a court issues an order granting a petition for expungement
 18 under sections 2 through 3 of this chapter, the court shall also order any
 19 related records described in section ~~1(f)~~ **1(h)** of this chapter sealed or
 20 redacted in the manner described in section 1 of this chapter, unless the
 21 records described in section ~~1(f)~~ **1(h)** of this chapter have been ordered
 22 sealed and redacted under this section.

23 (h) If the court issues an order granting a petition for expungement
 24 under sections 2 through 3 of this chapter, the court shall include in its
 25 order the information described in section 8(b) of this chapter.

26 SECTION 3. IC 35-38-9-7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.219-2019,
 27 SECTION 13, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 28 JULY 1, 2022]: Sec. 7. (a) This section applies only to a person who
 29 has filed a petition for expungement under section 4 or 5 of this chapter
 30 and whose records have been ordered marked as expunged.

31 (b) The court records and other public records relating to the arrest,
 32 conviction, or sentence of a person whose conviction records, including
 33 any records relating to the conviction and any records concerning a
 34 collateral action, have been marked as expunged remain public records.
 35 However, the court shall order that the records be clearly and visibly
 36 marked or identified as being expunged. A petition for expungement
 37 granted under sections 4 through 5 of this chapter does not affect an
 38 existing or pending driver's license suspension.

39 (c) The state police department, the bureau of motor vehicles, and
 40 any other law enforcement agency in possession of records that relate
 41 to the conviction, including any records concerning a collateral action,
 42 ordered to be marked as expunged shall add an entry to the person's



1 record of arrest, conviction, or sentence in the criminal history data
 2 base stating that the record is marked as expunged. Nothing in this
 3 chapter prevents the bureau of motor vehicles from reporting
 4 information about a conviction for a violation of a traffic control law
 5 to the Commercial Drivers License Information System (CDLIS), in
 6 accordance with federal law, even if the conviction has been expunged
 7 under section 4 or 5 of this chapter.

8 (d) If the court issues an order granting a petition for expungement
 9 under section 4 or 5 of this chapter, the court shall include in its order
 10 the information described in section 8(b) of this chapter.

11 (e) If a court issues an order granting a petition for expungement
 12 under sections 4 through 5 of this chapter, the court shall also order any
 13 related records described in section ~~1(f)~~ **1(h)** of this chapter marked as
 14 expunged, unless the records described in section ~~1(f)~~ **1(h)** of this
 15 chapter have been ordered marked as expunged under this section.

16 SECTION 4. IC 35-38-9-10, AS AMENDED BY P.L.55-2020,
 17 SECTION 11, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 18 JULY 1, 2022]: Sec. 10. (a) This section does not apply to a person to
 19 whom sealed records may be disclosed under section 6(a)(3) of this
 20 chapter. With respect to a person seeking employment with a law
 21 enforcement agency or a probation or community corrections
 22 department, including volunteer employment, subsections (b), (d), (e),
 23 and (f) do not apply to the law enforcement agency or the probation or
 24 community corrections department.

25 (b) It is unlawful discrimination for any person to:

- 26 (1) suspend;
- 27 (2) expel;
- 28 (3) refuse to employ;
- 29 (4) refuse to admit;
- 30 (5) refuse to grant or renew a license, permit, or certificate
 31 necessary to engage in any activity, occupation, or profession; or
- 32 (6) otherwise discriminate against;

33 any person because of a conviction or arrest record expunged or sealed
 34 under this chapter.

35 (c) Except as provided in section 6(f) of this chapter, the civil rights
 36 of a person whose conviction has been expunged shall be fully restored,
 37 including the right to vote, to hold public office, to be a proper person
 38 under IC 35-47-1-7(2), and to serve as a juror.

39 (d) In any application for employment, a license, or other right or
 40 privilege, a person may be questioned about a previous criminal record
 41 only in terms that exclude expunged convictions or arrests, such as:
 42 "Have you ever been arrested for or convicted of a crime that has not



- 1 been expunged by a court?".
- 2 (e) A person whose record is expunged shall be treated as if the
- 3 person had never been convicted of the offense. However, upon a
- 4 subsequent arrest or conviction for an unrelated offense, the prior
- 5 expunged conviction:
- 6 (1) may be considered by the court in determining the sentence
- 7 imposed for the new offense;
- 8 (2) is a prior unrelated conviction for purposes of:
- 9 (A) a habitual offender enhancement; and
- 10 (B) enhancing the new offense based on a prior conviction;
- 11 and
- 12 (3) may be admitted as evidence in the proceeding for a new
- 13 offense as if the conviction had not been expunged.
- 14 (f) Any person that discriminates against a person as described in
- 15 subsection (b) commits a Class C infraction and may be held in
- 16 contempt by the court issuing the order of expungement or by any other
- 17 court of general jurisdiction. Any person may file a written motion of
- 18 contempt to bring an alleged violation of this section to the attention of
- 19 a court. In addition, the person is entitled to injunctive relief.
- 20 (g) In any judicial or administrative proceeding alleging negligence
- 21 or other fault, an order of expungement may be introduced as evidence
- 22 of the person's exercise of due care in hiring, retaining, licensing,
- 23 certifying, admitting to a school or program, or otherwise transacting
- 24 business or engaging in activity with the person to whom the order of
- 25 expungement was issued.
- 26 (h) A conviction, including any records relating to the conviction
- 27 and any records concerning a collateral action, that has been expunged
- 28 under this chapter is not admissible as evidence in an action for
- 29 negligent hiring, admission, or licensure against a person or entity who
- 30 relied on the order.
- 31 (i) An expungement case, and all documents filed in the case,
- 32 becomes confidential when the court issues ~~the~~ **an expungement** order.
- 33 ~~granting the petition.~~ However, until the court issues ~~the~~ **an**
- 34 **expungement** order, ~~granting the petition,~~ documents filed in the case
- 35 are not confidential, and any hearing held in the case shall be open.



COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Corrections and Criminal Law, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 182, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill be AMENDED as follows:

Page 1, delete lines 1 through 17.

Page 2, delete lines 1 through 18.

Page 2, line 39, delete "or".

Page 2, between lines 39 and 40, begin a new line block indented and insert:

"(2) one (1) year has passed since juvenile delinquency allegations were filed against a child, and:

(A) there is no disposition; and

(B) the state is not actively prosecuting the allegations; or".

Page 2, line 40, delete "(2)" and insert "(3)".

Page 2, line 41, delete "charges;" and insert **"charges, or the defendant's conviction is later vacated;"**.

Page 3, line 1, delete "true;" and insert **"true, or the juvenile's true finding is later vacated;"**.

Page 3, line 3, after "expunged." insert **"An expungement order that is issued based on nonprosecution under subdivision (2) goes into effect immediately."**

Page 3, line 4, delete "this subsection" and insert **"subdivision (1) or (3)"**.

Page 3, line 9, delete "the" and insert **"an"**.

Page 3, line 9, after "order" insert **"under subdivision (1) or (3)"**.

Page 3, line 14, delete "sixty (60)" and insert **"one hundred eighty (180)"**.

Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to SB 182 as introduced.)

YOUNG M, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0.

