

SENATE BILL No. 287

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 35-38-9.

Synopsis: Expungement. Provides that expungement provisions concerning an arrest that does not lead to a conviction also apply to criminal charges or juvenile delinquency allegations that do not lead to a conviction or juvenile delinquency adjudication. Provides that a person who files for the expungement of an arrest, criminal charge, or juvenile delinquency allegation that did not lead to a conviction or juvenile delinquency adjudication is not required to pay a filing fee. Specifies that a person who files a petition for expungement is not required to pay a filing fee. Removes a requirement that the petitioner submit bureau of motor vehicles records. Requires that additional identifying information must be included in a petition for expungement and order granting an expungement. Specifies the procedure for expunging pre-1977 convictions. Specifies that the restoration of civil rights due to expunging a conviction does not affect the right to possess a firearm under federal law.

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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.181-2014,
2 SECTION 7, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2015]: 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, **charge, or juvenile allegation**:
7 (A) did not result in a conviction or juvenile adjudication; or
8 (B) resulted in a conviction or juvenile adjudication and the
9 conviction or adjudication was vacated on appeal; and
10 (2) the person is not currently participating in a pretrial diversion
11 program.
12 (b) Not earlier than one (1) year after the date of arrest, **criminal**
13 **charge, or juvenile allegation (whichever is later)**, if the person was
14 not convicted or adjudicated a delinquent child, or the date of the
15 opinion vacating the conviction or adjudication becomes final (unless
16 the prosecuting attorney agrees in writing to an earlier time), the person



1 may petition the court for expungement of the records related to the
 2 arrest, **charge, or juvenile allegation.**

3 (c) A petition for expungement of records must be verified and filed
 4 in the court in which the charges were filed, or if no criminal charges
 5 were filed, in a court with criminal jurisdiction in the county where the
 6 arrest occurred. The petition must set forth:

7 (1) the date of the arrest, **charge, or juvenile allegation, and**
 8 **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**
 11 **which the juvenile 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 charge or juvenile allegation was**
 15 **filed, if applicable;**

16 ~~(4)~~ **(5) any other known identifying information, such as:**

17 (A) the name of the arresting officer;

18 (B) case number; or

19 (C) court cause number;

20 **(D) any aliases or other names used by the petitioner;**

21 **(E) the petitioner's driver's license number; and**

22 **(F) a list of each criminal charge and its disposition, if**
 23 **applicable;**

24 ~~(5)~~ **(6) the date of the petitioner's birth; and**

25 ~~(6)~~ **(7) the petitioner's Social Security number.**

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

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

30 (e) Upon receipt of a petition for expungement, the court:

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

34 (2) shall grant the petition unless:

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

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

38 (f) Whenever the petition of a person under this section is granted:

39 **(1) no information concerning the arrest, vacated conviction, or**
 40 **vacated juvenile adjudication may be placed or retained in any**
 41 **state central repository for criminal history information or in any**
 42 **other alphabetically arranged criminal history information system**



1 maintained by a local, regional, or statewide law enforcement
2 agency;

3 **(2) the clerk of the supreme court shall seal or redact any**
4 **records in the clerk's possession that relate to the arrest,**
5 **vacated conviction, or vacated juvenile adjudication;**

6 **(3) the records of:**

7 **(A) the sentencing court;**

8 **(B) a juvenile court;**

9 **(C) a court of appeals; and**

10 **(D) the supreme court;**

11 **concerning the person shall be redacted or permanently**
12 **sealed; and**

13 **(4) with respect to the records of a person who is named as an**
14 **appellant or an appellee in an opinion or memorandum**
15 **decision by the supreme court or the court of appeals, the**
16 **court shall:**

17 **(A) redact the opinion or memorandum decision as it**
18 **appears on the computer gateway administered by the**
19 **office of technology so that it does not include the**
20 **petitioner's name (in the same manner that opinions**
21 **involving juveniles are redacted); and**

22 **(B) provide a redacted copy of the opinion or**
23 **memorandum decision to any publisher or organization to**
24 **whom the opinion or memorandum decision is provided**
25 **after the date of the order of expungement.**

26 **The supreme court and the court of appeals are not required**
27 **to redact, destroy, or otherwise dispose of any existing copy of**
28 **an opinion or memorandum decision that includes the**
29 **petitioner's name.**

30 **(g) If the court issues an order granting a petition for**
31 **expungement under this section, the court shall include in its order**
32 **the information described in subsection (c).**

33 **(h) ~~However,~~ This chapter does not require any change or alteration**
34 **in:**

35 **(1) any internal record made by a law enforcement agency at the**
36 **time of the arrest and not intended for release to the public;**

37 **(2) the record of any court in which the criminal charges were**
38 **filed; or**

39 **(3) records that relate to a diversion or deferral program.**

40 **(g) (i) If a person whose records are expunged brings an action that**
41 **might be defended with the contents of the expunged records, the**
42 **defendant is presumed to have a complete defense to the action. In**



1 order for the plaintiff to recover, the plaintiff must show that the
 2 contents of the expunged records would not exonerate the defendant.
 3 The plaintiff may be required to state under oath whether the plaintiff
 4 had records in the criminal justice system and whether those records
 5 were expunged. If the plaintiff denies the existence of the records, the
 6 defendant may prove their existence in any manner compatible with the
 7 law of evidence.

8 SECTION 2. IC 35-38-9-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.181-2014,
 9 SECTION 8, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 10 JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 2. (a) **Except as provided in section 8.5 of this**
 11 **chapter**, this section applies only to a person convicted of a
 12 misdemeanor, including a Class D felony (for a crime committed
 13 before July 1, 2014) or a Level 6 felony (for a crime committed after
 14 June 30, 2014) reduced to a misdemeanor.

15 (b) Not earlier than five (5) years after the date of conviction (unless
 16 the prosecuting attorney consents in writing to an earlier period), the
 17 person convicted of the misdemeanor may petition a court to expunge
 18 all conviction records, including records contained in:

- 19 (1) a court's files;
- 20 (2) the files of the department of correction;
- 21 (3) the files of the bureau of motor vehicles; and
- 22 (4) the files of any other person who provided treatment or
 23 services to the petitioning person under a court order;

24 that relate to the person's misdemeanor conviction.

25 (c) A person who files a petition to expunge conviction records shall
 26 file the petition in a circuit or superior court in the county of
 27 conviction.

28 (d) If the court finds by a preponderance of the evidence that:

- 29 (1) the period required by this section has elapsed;
- 30 (2) no charges are pending against the person;
- 31 (3) the person has paid all fines, fees, and court costs, and
 32 satisfied any restitution obligation placed on the person as part of
 33 the sentence; and
- 34 (4) the person has not been convicted of a crime within the
 35 previous five (5) years (or within a shorter period agreed to by the
 36 prosecuting attorney if the prosecuting attorney has consented to
 37 a shorter period under subsection (b));

38 the court shall order the conviction records described in subsection (b)
 39 expunged in accordance with section 6 of this chapter.

40 SECTION 3. IC 35-38-9-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.181-2014,
 41 SECTION 9, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 42 JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 3. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) **and**



1 **section 8.5 of this chapter**, this section applies only to a person
 2 convicted of a Class D felony (for a crime committed before July 1,
 3 2014) or a Level 6 felony (for a crime committed after June 30, 2014).
 4 This section does not apply to a person if the person's Class D felony
 5 or Level 6 felony was reduced to a Class A misdemeanor.

6 (b) This section does not apply to the following:

7 (1) An elected official convicted of an offense while serving the
 8 official's term or as a candidate for public office.

9 (2) A sex or violent offender (as defined in IC 11-8-8-5).

10 (3) A person convicted of a felony that resulted in bodily injury to
 11 another person.

12 (4) A person convicted of perjury (IC 35-44.1-2-1) or official
 13 misconduct (IC 35-44.1-1-1).

14 (5) A person convicted of an offense described in:

15 (A) IC 35-42-1;

16 (B) IC 35-42-3.5; or

17 (C) IC 35-42-4.

18 (c) Not earlier than eight (8) years after the date of conviction
 19 (unless the prosecuting attorney consents in writing to an earlier
 20 period), the person convicted of the Class D felony or Level 6 felony
 21 may petition a court to expunge all conviction records, including
 22 records contained in:

23 (1) a court's files;

24 (2) the files of the department of correction;

25 (3) the files of the bureau of motor vehicles; and

26 (4) the files of any other person who provided treatment or
 27 services to the petitioning person under a court order;

28 that relate to the person's Class D or Level 6 felony conviction.

29 (d) A person who files a petition to expunge conviction records shall
 30 file the petition in a circuit or superior court in the county of
 31 conviction.

32 (e) If the court finds by a preponderance of the evidence that:

33 (1) the period required by this section has elapsed;

34 (2) no charges are pending against the person;

35 (3) the person has paid all fines, fees, and court costs, and
 36 satisfied any restitution obligation placed on the person as part of
 37 the sentence; and

38 (4) the person has not been convicted of a crime within the
 39 previous eight (8) years (or within a shorter period agreed to by
 40 the prosecuting attorney if the prosecuting attorney has consented
 41 to a shorter period under subsection (c));

42 the court shall order the conviction records described in subsection (c)



1 expunged in accordance with section 6 of this chapter.

2 SECTION 4. IC 35-38-9-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.181-2014,
3 SECTION 10, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
4 JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 4. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) **and**
5 **section 8.5 of this chapter**, this section applies only to a person
6 convicted of a felony who may not seek expungement of that felony
7 under section 3 of this chapter.

8 (b) This section does not apply to the following:

9 (1) An elected official convicted of an offense while serving the
10 official's term or as a candidate for public office.

11 (2) A sex or violent offender (as defined in IC 11-8-8-5).

12 (3) A person convicted of a felony that resulted in serious bodily
13 injury to another person.

14 (4) A person convicted of official misconduct (IC 35-44.1-1-1).

15 (5) A person convicted of an offense described in:

16 (A) IC 35-42-1;

17 (B) IC 35-42-3.5; or

18 (C) IC 35-42-4.

19 (c) Not earlier than the later of eight (8) years from the date of
20 conviction, or three (3) years from the completion of the person's
21 sentence, unless the prosecuting attorney consents in writing to an
22 earlier period, the person convicted of the felony may petition a court
23 to expunge all conviction records, including records contained in:

24 (1) a court's files;

25 (2) the files of the department of correction;

26 (3) the files of the bureau of motor vehicles; and

27 (4) the files of any other person who provided treatment or
28 services to the petitioning person under a court order;

29 that relate to the person's felony conviction.

30 (d) A person who files a petition to expunge conviction records shall
31 file the petition in a circuit or superior court in the county of
32 conviction.

33 (e) If the court finds by a preponderance of the evidence that:

34 (1) the period required by this section has elapsed;

35 (2) no charges are pending against the person;

36 (3) the person has paid all fines, fees, and court costs, and
37 satisfied any restitution obligation placed on the person as part of
38 the sentence; and

39 (4) the person has not been convicted of a crime within the
40 previous eight (8) years (or within a shorter period agreed to by
41 the prosecuting attorney if the prosecuting attorney has consented
42 to a shorter period under subsection (c));



1 the court may order the conviction records described in subsection (c)
 2 marked as expunged in accordance with section 7 of this chapter. A
 3 person whose records have been ordered marked as expunged under
 4 this section is considered to have had the person's records expunged for
 5 all purposes other than the disposition of the records.

6 SECTION 5. IC 35-38-9-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.181-2014,
 7 SECTION 11, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 8 JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 5. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) **and**
 9 **section 8.5 of this chapter**, this section applies to a person convicted
 10 of a felony, including:

11 (1) an elected official convicted of an offense while serving the
 12 official's term or as a candidate for public office; and

13 (2) a person convicted of a felony that resulted in serious bodily
 14 injury to another person.

15 (b) This section does not apply to the following:

16 (1) A sex or violent offender (as defined in IC 11-8-8-5).

17 (2) A person convicted of official misconduct (IC 35-44.1-1-1).

18 (3) A person convicted of an offense described in:

19 (A) IC 35-42-1;

20 (B) IC 35-42-3.5; or

21 (C) IC 35-42-4.

22 (c) Not earlier than the later of ten (10) years from the date of
 23 conviction, or five (5) years from the completion of the person's
 24 sentence, unless the prosecuting attorney consents in writing to an
 25 earlier period, the person convicted of the felony may petition a court
 26 to expunge all conviction records, including records contained in:

27 (1) a court's files;

28 (2) the files of the department of correction;

29 (3) the files of the bureau of motor vehicles; and

30 (4) the files of any other person who provided treatment or
 31 services to the petitioning person under a court order;

32 that relate to the person's felony conviction.

33 (d) A person who files a petition to expunge conviction records shall
 34 file the petition in a circuit or superior court in the county of
 35 conviction.

36 (e) If the court finds by a preponderance of the evidence that:

37 (1) the period required by this section has elapsed;

38 (2) no charges are pending against the person;

39 (3) the person has paid all fines, fees, and court costs, and
 40 satisfied any restitution obligation placed on the person as part of
 41 the sentence;

42 (4) the person has not been convicted of a crime within the



1 previous ten (10) years (or within a shorter period agreed to by the
 2 prosecuting attorney if the prosecuting attorney has consented to
 3 a shorter period under subsection (c)); and

4 (5) the prosecuting attorney has consented in writing to the
 5 expungement of the person's criminal records;

6 the court may order the conviction records described in subsection (c)
 7 marked as expunged in accordance with section 7 of this chapter. A
 8 person whose records have been ordered marked as expunged under
 9 this section is considered to have had the person's records expunged for
 10 all purposes other than the disposition of the records.

11 SECTION 6. IC 35-38-9-6, AS AMENDED BY P.L.181-2014,
 12 SECTION 12, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 13 JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 6. (a) If the court orders conviction records
 14 expunged under sections 2 through 3 of this chapter, the court shall do
 15 the following with respect to the specific records expunged by the
 16 court:

17 (1) Order:

18 (A) the department of correction;

19 (B) the bureau of motor vehicles; and

20 (C) each:

21 (i) law enforcement agency; and

22 (ii) other person;

23 who incarcerated, provided treatment for, or provided other
 24 services for the person under an order of the court;

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

29 (2) Order the central repository for criminal history information
 30 maintained by the state police department to seal the person's
 31 expunged conviction records. Records sealed under this
 32 subdivision may be disclosed only to:

33 (A) a prosecuting attorney, if:

34 (i) authorized by a court order; and

35 (ii) needed to carry out the official duties of the prosecuting
 36 attorney;

37 (B) a defense attorney, if:

38 (i) authorized by a court order; and

39 (ii) needed to carry out the professional duties of the defense
 40 attorney;

41 (C) a probation department, if:

42 (i) authorized by a court order; and



- 1 (ii) necessary to prepare a presentence report;
 2 (D) the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Department of
 3 Homeland Security, if disclosure is required to comply with an
 4 agreement relating to the sharing of criminal history
 5 information;
 6 (E) the:
 7 (i) supreme court;
 8 (ii) members of the state board of law examiners;
 9 (iii) executive director of the state board of law examiners;
 10 and
 11 (iv) employees of the state board of law examiners, in
 12 accordance with rules adopted by the state board of law
 13 examiners;
 14 for the purpose of determining whether an applicant possesses
 15 the necessary good moral character for admission to the bar;
 16 and
 17 (F) a person required to access expunged records to comply
 18 with the Secure and Fair Enforcement for Mortgage Licensing
 19 Act (12 U.S.C. 5101 et seq.) or regulations adopted under the
 20 Secure and Fair Enforcement for Mortgage Licensing Act.
 21 (3) Notify the clerk of the supreme court to seal any records in the
 22 clerk's possession that relate to the conviction.
 23 A probation department may provide an unredacted version of a
 24 presentence report disclosed under subdivision (2)(C) to any person
 25 authorized by law to receive a presentence report.
 26 (b) Except as provided in subsection (c), if a petition to expunge
 27 conviction records is granted under sections 2 through 3 of this chapter,
 28 the records of:
 29 (1) the sentencing court;
 30 (2) a juvenile court;
 31 (3) a court of appeals; and
 32 (4) the supreme court;
 33 concerning the person shall be permanently sealed. However, a petition
 34 for expungement granted under sections 2 through 3 of this chapter
 35 does not affect an existing or pending driver's license suspension.
 36 (c) If a petition to expunge conviction records is granted under
 37 sections 2 through 3 of this chapter with respect to the records of a
 38 person who is named as an appellant or an appellee in an opinion or
 39 memorandum decision by the supreme court or the court of appeals, the
 40 court shall:
 41 (1) redact the opinion or memorandum decision as it appears on
 42 the computer gateway administered by the office of technology so



1 that it does not include the petitioner's name (in the same manner
2 that opinions involving juveniles are redacted); and
3 (2) provide a redacted copy of the opinion to any publisher or
4 organization to whom the opinion or memorandum decision is
5 provided after the date of the order of expungement.

6 The supreme court and court of appeals are not required to destroy or
7 otherwise dispose of any existing copy of an opinion or memorandum
8 decision that includes the petitioner's name.

9 (d) Notwithstanding subsection (b), a prosecuting attorney may
10 submit a written application to a court that granted an expungement
11 petition under this chapter to gain access to any records that were
12 permanently sealed under subsection (b), if the records are relevant in
13 a new prosecution of the person. If a prosecuting attorney who submits
14 a written application under this subsection shows that the records are
15 relevant for a new prosecution of the person, the court that granted the
16 expungement petition shall:

17 (1) order the records to be unsealed; and

18 (2) allow the prosecuting attorney who submitted the written
19 application to have access to the records.

20 If a court orders records to be unsealed under this subsection, the court
21 shall order the records to be permanently resealed at the earliest
22 possible time after the reasons for unsealing the records cease to exist.
23 However, if the records are admitted as evidence against the person in
24 a new prosecution that results in the person's conviction, or are used to
25 enhance a sentence imposed on the person in a new prosecution, the
26 court is not required to reseat the records.

27 (e) If a person whose conviction records are expunged under
28 sections 2 through 5 of this chapter is required to register as a sex
29 offender based on the commission of a felony which has been
30 expunged:

31 (1) the expungement does not affect the operation of the sex
32 offender registry web site, any person's ability to access the
33 person's records, records required to be maintained concerning
34 sex or violent offenders, or any registration requirement imposed
35 on the person; and

36 (2) the expunged conviction must be clearly marked as expunged
37 on the sex offender registry web site.

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

42 **(g) If the court issues an order granting a petition for**



1 **expungement under sections 2 through 3 of this chapter, the court**
 2 **shall include in its order the information described in section 8(b)**
 3 **of this chapter.**

4 SECTION 7. IC 35-38-9-7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.181-2014,
 5 SECTION 13, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 6 JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 7. (a) This section applies only to a person who
 7 has filed a petition for expungement under section 4 or 5 of this chapter
 8 and whose records have been ordered marked as expunged.

9 (b) The court records and other public records relating to the arrest,
 10 conviction, or sentence of a person whose conviction records have been
 11 marked as expunged remain public records. However, the court shall
 12 order that the records be clearly and visibly marked or identified as
 13 being expunged. A petition for expungement granted under sections 4
 14 through 5 of this chapter does not affect an existing or pending driver's
 15 license suspension.

16 (c) The state police department, the bureau of motor vehicles, and
 17 any other law enforcement agency in possession of records that relate
 18 to the conviction ordered to be marked as expunged shall add an entry
 19 to the person's record of arrest, conviction, or sentence in the criminal
 20 history data base stating that the record is marked as expunged.

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

25 SECTION 8. IC 35-38-9-8, AS AMENDED BY P.L.181-2014,
 26 SECTION 14, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 27 JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 8. (a) This section applies only to a petition to
 28 expunge conviction records under sections 2 through 5 of this chapter.
 29 This section does not apply to a petition to expunge ~~arrest~~ records
 30 **related to the arrest, criminal charge, or juvenile allegation** under
 31 section 1 of this chapter.

32 (b) Any person may seek an expungement under sections 2 through
 33 5 of this chapter by filing a verified petition for expungement. The
 34 petition must include the following:

- 35 (1) The petitioner's full name and all other legal names or aliases
 36 by which the petitioner is or has been known.
- 37 (2) The petitioner's date of birth.
- 38 (3) The petitioner's addresses from the date of the offense to the
 39 date of the petition.
- 40 ~~(4) A certified copy of petitioner's records from the bureau of~~
 41 ~~motor vehicles.~~
- 42 ~~(5)~~ (4) The petitioner shall affirm that no criminal investigation



1 or charges are pending against the petitioner.

2 ~~(6)~~ (5) The petitioner shall affirm that the petitioner has not
3 committed another crime within the period required for
4 expungement.

5 ~~(7)~~ (6) The petitioner shall list all convictions, **the cause number**
6 **from each conviction, and** the date of the conviction, and any
7 appeals from the conviction and the date any appellate opinion
8 was handed down, if applicable.

9 **(7) The petitioner shall include:**

10 **(A) the petitioner's Social Security number;**

11 **(B) the petitioner's driver's license number;**

12 **(C) the date of the petitioner's arrest, if applicable; and**

13 **(D) the date on which the petitioner was convicted.**

14 (8) The petitioner shall affirm that the required period has elapsed
15 or attach a copy of the prosecuting attorney's written consent to a
16 shorter period.

17 (9) The petitioner shall describe any other petitions that the
18 petitioner has filed under this chapter.

19 (10) For a petition filed under section 5 of this chapter, the
20 petitioner shall attach a copy of the prosecuting attorney's written
21 consent.

22 (11) The petitioner shall provide evidence that the petitioner has
23 paid all fines, fees, and court costs, and satisfied any restitution
24 obligation imposed on the person as part of the sentence.

25 (c) The petitioner may include any other information that the
26 petitioner believes may assist the court. **The petitioner shall include**
27 **any other necessary information required by the court.**

28 **(d) A person who files a petition under this section is not**
29 **required to pay a filing fee.**

30 ~~(d)~~ (e) The petitioner shall serve a copy of the petition upon the
31 prosecuting attorney in accordance with the Indiana Rules of Trial
32 Procedure.

33 ~~(e)~~ (f) The prosecuting attorney shall inform the victim of the
34 victim's rights under IC 35-40-6 by contacting the victim at the victim's
35 last known address.

36 ~~(f)~~ (g) The prosecuting attorney shall reply to the petition not later
37 than thirty (30) days after receipt. **If the prosecuting attorney fails to**
38 **timely reply to the petition:**

39 **(1) the prosecuting attorney has waived any objection to the**
40 **petition; and**

41 **(2) the court shall proceed to consider the petition under**
42 **section 9 of this chapter.**



1 SECTION 9. IC 35-38-9-8.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
 2 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
 3 1, 2015]: **Sec. 8.5. (a) This section applies only to a person seeking
 4 to expunge an Indiana offense punishable by an indeterminate
 5 sentence under a law other than IC 35-50.**

6 **(b) If the offense for which the person was convicted is a
 7 misdemeanor at the time the person files the petition for
 8 expungement, the person may file the petition for expungement
 9 under section 2 of this chapter.**

10 **(c) If the offense for which the person was convicted:**

11 **(1) is a Level 6 felony at the time the person files the petition
 12 for expungement; and**

13 **(2) is not substantially similar to an offense described in
 14 section 3(b) of this chapter;**

15 **the person may file the petition under section 3 of this chapter.**

16 **(d) If:**

17 **(1) the person to whom this chapter applies may not seek
 18 expungement under section 3 of this chapter; and**

19 **(2) the offense the person seeks to expunge is not substantially
 20 similar to an offense described in section 4(b) of this chapter;**

21 **the person may file the petition under section 4 of this chapter.**

22 **(e) If the offense for which the person was convicted:**

23 **(1) is a felony at the time of filing the petition, including a
 24 felony described in section 5(a) of this chapter; and**

25 **(2) is not substantially similar to an offense described in
 26 section 5(b) of this chapter;**

27 **the person may file the petition under section 5 of this chapter.**

28 SECTION 10. IC 35-38-9-9, AS AMENDED BY P.L.181-2014,
 29 SECTION 15, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 30 JULY 1, 2015]: **Sec. 9. (a) If the prosecuting attorney does not object,
 31 or has waived objection to the petition under section 8 of this
 32 chapter, the court may grant the petition for expungement without a
 33 hearing.**

34 **(b) The court may summarily deny a petition, if the petition does not
 35 meet the requirements of section 8 of this chapter, or if the statements
 36 contained in the petition demonstrate that the petitioner is not entitled
 37 to relief.**

38 **(c) If the prosecuting attorney objects to the petition, the court shall
 39 set the matter for hearing not sooner than sixty (60) days after service
 40 of the petition on the prosecuting attorney.**

41 **(d) A victim of the offense for which expungement is sought may
 42 submit an oral or written statement in support of or in opposition to the**



1 petition at the time of the hearing. The petitioner must prove by a
2 preponderance of the evidence that the facts alleged in the verified
3 petition are true.

4 (e) The grant or denial of a petition is an appealable final order.

5 (f) If the court grants the petition for expungement, the court shall
6 issue an order of expungement as described in sections 6 and 7 of this
7 chapter.

8 (g) This subsection applies only to a petition to expunge conviction
9 records filed under sections 2 through 5 of this chapter. This subsection
10 does not apply to a petition to expunge ~~arrest~~ records **related to the**
11 **arrest, criminal charge, or juvenile allegation** under section 1 of this
12 chapter. A petitioner may seek to expunge more than one (1) conviction
13 at the same time. The petitioner shall consolidate all convictions that
14 the petitioner wishes to expunge from the same county in one (1)
15 petition. A petitioner who wishes to expunge convictions from separate
16 counties must file a petition in each county in which a conviction was
17 entered.

18 (h) This subsection applies only to a petition to expunge conviction
19 records filed under sections 2 through 5 of this chapter. This subsection
20 does not apply to a petition to expunge ~~arrest~~ records **related to the**
21 **arrest, criminal charge, or juvenile allegation** under section 1 of this
22 chapter. Except as provided in subsections (i) and (j), a petitioner may
23 file a petition for expungement only one (1) time during the petitioner's
24 lifetime. For purposes of this subsection, all petitions for expungement
25 filed in separate counties for offenses committed in those counties
26 count as one (1) petition if they are filed in one (1) three hundred
27 sixty-five (365) day period.

28 (i) A petitioner whose petition for expungement has been denied, in
29 whole or in part, may file a subsequent petition for expungement with
30 respect to one (1) or more convictions included in the initial
31 expungement petition that were not expunged. However, if the petition
32 was denied due to the court's exercise of its discretion under section 4
33 or 5 of this chapter, a subsequent petition for expungement may be
34 filed only after the elapse of three (3) years from the date on which the
35 previous expungement petition was denied. Except as provided in
36 subsection (j), a subsequent petition for expungement may not include
37 any conviction that was not included in the initial expungement
38 petition.

39 (j) A court may permit a petitioner to file a subsequent petition for
40 expungement with respect to one (1) or more convictions that were not
41 included in the initial expungement petition only if the court finds that:

42 (1) the petitioner intended in good faith to comply with



1 subsections (g) and (h);

2 (2) the petitioner's failure to comply with subsections (g) and (h)
3 was due to:

4 (A) excusable neglect; or

5 (B) circumstances beyond the petitioner's control; and

6 (3) permitting the petitioner to file a subsequent petition for
7 expungement is in the best interests of justice.

8 SECTION 11. IC 35-38-9-10, AS AMENDED BY P.L.181-2014,
9 SECTION 16, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
10 JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 10. (a) This section does not apply to a person to
11 whom sealed records may be disclosed under section 6(a)(2) of this
12 chapter.

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

14 (1) suspend;

15 (2) expel;

16 (3) refuse to employ;

17 (4) refuse to admit;

18 (5) refuse to grant or renew a license, permit, or certificate
19 necessary to engage in any activity, occupation, or profession; or

20 (6) otherwise discriminate against;

21 any person because of a conviction or arrest record expunged or sealed
22 under this chapter.

23 (c) The civil rights of a person whose conviction has been expunged
24 shall be restored, including the right to vote, to hold public office, and
25 to serve as a juror. **However, an expungement granted under this**
26 **chapter does not restore a person's right to possess a firearm under**
27 **federal law if federal law does not permit the person to possess a**
28 **firearm.**

29 (d) In any application for employment, a license, or other right or
30 privilege, a person may be questioned about a previous criminal record
31 only in terms that exclude expunged convictions or arrests, such as:
32 "Have you ever been arrested for or convicted of a crime that has not
33 been expunged by a court?"

34 (e) A person whose record is expunged shall be treated as if the
35 person had never been convicted of the offense. However, upon a
36 subsequent arrest or conviction for an unrelated offense, the prior
37 expunged conviction:

38 (1) may be considered by the court in determining the sentence
39 imposed for the new offense;

40 (2) is a prior unrelated conviction for purposes of:

41 (A) a habitual offender enhancement; and

42 (B) enhancing the new offense based on a prior conviction;



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2 (3) may be admitted as evidence in the proceeding for a new
3 offense as if the conviction had not been expunged.
4 (f) Any person that discriminates against a person as described in
5 subsection (b) commits a Class C infraction and may be held in
6 contempt by the court issuing the order of expungement or by any other
7 court of general jurisdiction. Any person may file a written motion of
8 contempt to bring an alleged violation of this section to the attention of
9 a court. In addition, the person is entitled to injunctive relief.
10 (g) In any judicial or administrative proceeding alleging negligence
11 or other fault, an order of expungement may be introduced as evidence
12 of the person's exercise of due care in hiring, retaining, licensing,
13 certifying, admitting to a school or program, or otherwise transacting
14 business or engaging in activity with the person to whom the order of
15 expungement was issued.
16 (h) A conviction that has been expunged under this chapter is not
17 admissible as evidence in an action for negligent hiring, admission, or
18 licensure against a person or entity who relied on the order.
19 (i) **A petition for An expungement case, and all documents filed**
20 **in the case, becomes confidential when the court issues the order**
21 **granting the petition. and an order for expungement are confidential.**

