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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

20 ILCS 2630/5.2 30 ILCS 105/5.826 new

Amends the Criminal Identification Act. Provides that a petitioner may petition the circuit court to expunge the records of his or her arrests when he or she has been convicted of or placed on supervision for a misdemeanor that occurred more than 15 years before the filing of the petition if the person has not committed another offense within that period, other than minor traffic offenses. Provides that prior to the granting of the petition, the Director of State Police shall certify that the person has no other records of arrest and conviction within that time period, other than minor traffic offenses. Provides that the circuit court clerk shall charge a \$150 fee per offense plus court costs for the expungement. Provides that the fees shall be deposited in the State treasury in a special fund known as the Misdemeanor Expungement Fund. Provides that the Secretary of Human Services shall disburse moneys in the fund as grants to certain specified organizations.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

AN ACT concerning State government.

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

Section 5. The Criminal Identification Act is amended by
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:

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

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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).

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(B) As used in this Section, "charge not initiated
by arrest" means a charge (as defined by 730 ILCS
5/5-1-3) brought against a defendant where the
defendant is not arrested prior to or as a direct
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 petitioner is not a conviction. An order of qualified 18 19 probation (as defined in subsection (a) (1) (J)) 20 successfully completed by the petitioner is not a conviction. An order of supervision or an order of 21 22 qualified probation is terminated that 23 unsatisfactorily conviction, is а unless the 24 unsatisfactory termination is reversed, vacated, or 25 modified and the judgment of conviction, if any, is 26 reversed or vacated.

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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 required by subsections (d)(9)(A)(ii) as 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 any jurisdiction, regardless of whether the petitioner 21 has included the criminal offense for which the 22 23 order of supervision sentence or 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 are last in time, they shall be collectively considered
 the "last sentence" regardless of whether they were
 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.

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

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

of the Steroid Control Act. For the purpose of this 1 2 Section, "successful completion" of an order of 3 qualified probation under Section 10-102 of the Illinois Alcoholism and Other Drug Dependency Act and 4 5 Section 40-10 of the Alcoholism and Other Drug Abuse and Dependency Act means that the probation was 6 7 terminated satisfactorily and the judgment of 8 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 entry of the order to seal shall not be affected. 18

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

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

1 Section.

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

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

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

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

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(C) the sealing of the records of arrests or charges not initiated by arrest which result in an order of supervision, an order of qualified probation (as defined in subsection (a)(1)(J)), or a conviction 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;

(iii) offenses defined as "crimes of violence" in Section 2 of the Crime Victims Compensation Act 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

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

(D) the sealing of the records of an arrest which
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offense or records of a charge not initiated by arrest for a felony offense unless:

(i) the charge is amended to a misdemeanor andis otherwise eligible to be sealed pursuant tosubsection (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;

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

17 (iv) the charge is for a Class 4 felony offense listed in subsection (c)(2)(F) or the charge is 18 19 amended to a Class 4 felony offense listed in 20 subsection (c)(2)(F). Records of arrests which 21 result in the petitioner being charged with a Class 22 4 felony offense listed in subsection (c)(2)(F), 23 records of charges not initiated by arrest for 24 Class 4 felony offenses listed in subsection 25 (c)(2)(F), and records of charges amended to a 26 Class 4 felony offense listed in (c)(2)(F) may be HB2378 - 9 - LRB098 05553 RLC 35590 b

sealed, regardless of the disposition, subject to
any waiting periods set forth in subsection
(c)(3);

4 (v) the charge results in acquittal,
5 dismissal, or the petitioner's release without
6 conviction; or

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

9 (b) Expungement.

10 (1) A petitioner may petition the circuit court to 11 expunge the records of his or her arrests and charges not 12 initiated by arrest when:

13 (A) He or she has never been convicted of a14 criminal offense; and

15 (B) Each arrest or charge not initiated by arrest 16 sought to be expunded resulted in: (i) acquittal, 17 dismissal, or the petitioner's release without charging, unless excluded by subsection (a)(3)(B); 18 (ii) a conviction which was vacated or reversed, unless 19 excluded by subsection (a)(3)(B); (iii) an order of 20 21 supervision and such supervision was successfully 22 completed by the petitioner, unless excluded by 23 subsection (a) (3) (A) or (a) (3) (B); or (iv) an order of 24 qualified probation (as defined in subsection 25 (a)(1)(J)) and such probation was successfully 26 completed by the petitioner.

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1 (1.5) A petitioner may petition the circuit court to 2 expunge the records of his or her arrests when he or she 3 has been convicted of or placed on supervision for a misdemeanor that occurred more than 15 years before the 4 5 filing of the petition if the person has not committed another offense within that period, other than minor 6 traffic offenses. Prior to the granting of the petition, 7 the Director of State Police shall certify that the person 8 9 has no other records of arrest and conviction within that 10 time period, other than minor traffic offenses.

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

12 (A) When the arrest or charge not initiated by 13 arrest sought to be expunged resulted in an acquittal, 14 dismissal, the petitioner's release without charging, 15 or the reversal or vacation of a conviction, there is 16 no waiting period to petition for the expungement of 17 such records.

(B) When the arrest or charge not initiated by
arrest sought to be expunded resulted in an order of
supervision, successfully completed by the petitioner,
the following time frames will apply:

(i) Those arrests or charges that resulted in
orders of supervision under Section 3-707, 3-708,
3-710, or 5-401.3 of the Illinois Vehicle Code or a
similar provision of a local ordinance, or under
Section 11-1.50, 12-3.2, or 12-15 of the Criminal

Code of 1961 or the Criminal Code of 2012, or a similar provision of a local ordinance, shall not be eligible for expungement until 5 years have passed following the satisfactory termination of the supervision.

6 (i-5) Those arrests or charges that resulted 7 orders of supervision for a misdemeanor in 8 violation of subsection (a) of Section 11-503 of 9 the Illinois Vehicle Code or a similar provision of 10 a local ordinance, that occurred prior to the 11 offender reaching the age of 25 years and the 12 offender has no other conviction for violating 13 Section 11-501 or 11-503 of the Illinois Vehicle Code or a similar provision of a local ordinance 14 15 shall not be eligible for expungement until the 16 petitioner has reached the age of 25 years.

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

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

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satisfactory termination of the probation.

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

6 (4) Whenever a person has been arrested for or 7 convicted of any offense, in the name of a person whose 8 identity he or she has stolen or otherwise come into 9 possession of, the aggrieved person from whom the identity 10 was stolen or otherwise obtained without authorization, 11 upon learning of the person having been arrested using his 12 or her identity, may, upon verified petition to the chief judge of the circuit wherein the arrest was made, have a 13 14 court order entered nunc pro tunc by the Chief Judge to 15 correct the arrest record, conviction record, if any, and 16 all official records of the arresting authority, the 17 Department, other criminal justice agencies, the prosecutor, and the trial court concerning such arrest, if 18 19 any, by removing his or her name from all such records in 20 connection with the arrest and conviction, if any, and by 21 inserting in the records the name of the offender, if known 22 or ascertainable, in lieu of the aggrieved's name. The 23 records of the circuit court clerk shall be sealed until 24 further order of the court upon good cause shown and the 25 name of the aggrieved person obliterated on the official 26 index required to be kept by the circuit court clerk under Section 16 of the Clerks of Courts Act, but the order shall not affect any index issued by the circuit court clerk before the entry of the order. Nothing in this Section shall limit the Department of State Police or other criminal justice agencies or prosecutors from listing under an offender's name the false names he or she has used.

(5) Whenever a person has been convicted of criminal 8 9 assault, aggravated criminal sexual sexual assault, 10 predatory criminal sexual assault of a child, criminal 11 sexual abuse, or aggravated criminal sexual abuse, the 12 victim of that offense may request that the State's Attorney of the county in which the conviction occurred 13 14 file a verified petition with the presiding trial judge at 15 the petitioner's trial to have a court order entered to 16 seal the records of the circuit court clerk in connection with the proceedings of the trial court concerning that 17 offense. However, the records of the arresting authority 18 19 and the Department of State Police concerning the offense 20 shall not be sealed. The court, upon good cause shown, shall make the records of the circuit court clerk in 21 22 connection with the proceedings of the trial court 23 concerning the offense available for public inspection.

(6) If a conviction has been set aside on direct review
or on collateral attack and the court determines by clear
and convincing evidence that the petitioner was factually

innocent of the charge, the court shall enter an
 expungement order as provided in subsection (b) of Section
 5-5-4 of the Unified Code of Corrections.

Nothing in this Section shall prevent 4 (7)the 5 Department of State Police from maintaining all records of any person who is admitted to probation upon terms and 6 7 conditions and who fulfills those terms and conditions 8 pursuant to Section 10 of the Cannabis Control Act, Section 9 410 of the Illinois Controlled Substances Act, Section 70 10 of the Methamphetamine Control and Community Protection 11 Act, Section 5-6-3.3 of the Unified Code of Corrections, 12 Section 12-4.3 or subdivision (b) (1) of Section 12-3.05 of 13 the Criminal Code of 1961 or the Criminal Code of 2012, Section 10-102 of the Illinois Alcoholism and Other Drug 14 15 Dependency Act, Section 40-10 of the Alcoholism and Other 16 Drug Abuse and Dependency Act, or Section 10 of the Steroid 17 Control Act.

18 (c) Sealing.

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

24 (2) Eligible Records. The following records may be25 sealed:

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(A) All arrests resulting in release without

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

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

10 (D) Arrests or charges not initiated by arrest 11 resulting in convictions unless excluded by subsection 12 (a) (3);

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

20 (F) Arrests or charges not initiated by arrest 21 resulting in Class 4 felony convictions for the 22 following offenses:

23 (i) Section 11-14 of the Criminal Code of 1961
24 or the Criminal Code of 2012;

25 (ii) Section 4 of the Cannabis Control Act;
26 (iii) Section 402 of the Illinois Controlled

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Substances Act;

2 (iv) the Methamphetamine Precursor Control 3 Act; and

(v) the Steroid Control Act.

5 (3) When Records Are Eligible to Be Sealed. Records 6 identified as eligible under subsection (c)(2) may be 7 sealed as follows:

8 (A) Records identified as eligible under 9 subsection (c)(2)(A) and (c)(2)(B) may be sealed at any 10 time.

11 (B) Records identified as eliqible under 12 subsection (c)(2)(C) may be sealed (i) 3 years after 13 the termination of petitioner's last sentence (as 14 defined in subsection (a) (1) (F)) if the petitioner has never been convicted of a criminal offense (as defined 15 16 in subsection (a)(1)(D)); or (ii) 4 years after the 17 termination of the petitioner's last sentence (as defined in subsection (a)(1)(F)) if the petitioner has 18 ever been convicted of a criminal offense (as defined 19 20 in subsection (a) (1) (D)).

21 (C) Records identified as eliqible under 22 subsections (c)(2)(D), (c)(2)(E), and (c)(2)(F) may be 23 4 years after the termination of sealed the petitioner's last sentence (as defined in subsection 24 25 (a)(1)(F)).

(D) Records identified in subsection

(a) (3) (A) (iii) may be sealed after the petitioner has
 reached the age of 25 years.

(4) Subsequent felony convictions. A person may not 3 have subsequent felony conviction records sealed as 4 5 provided in this subsection (c) if he or she is convicted of any felony offense after the date of the sealing of 6 prior felony convictions as provided in this subsection 7 8 (c). The court may, upon conviction for a subsequent felony 9 offense, order the unsealing of prior felony conviction 10 records previously ordered sealed by the court.

11 (5) Notice of eligibility for sealing. Upon entry of a 12 disposition for an eligible record under this subsection 13 (c), the petitioner shall be informed by the court of the 14 right to have the records sealed and the procedures for the 15 sealing of the records.

16 (d) Procedure. The following procedures apply to 17 expungement under subsections (b) and (e), and sealing under 18 subsections (c) and (e-5):

19 (1) Filing the petition. Upon becoming eligible to 20 petition for the expungement or sealing of records under 21 this Section, the petitioner shall file a petition 22 requesting the expungement or sealing of records with the 23 clerk of the court where the arrests occurred or the 24 charges were brought, or both. If arrests occurred or 25 charges were brought in multiple jurisdictions, a petition 26 must be filed in each such jurisdiction. The petitioner - 18 - LRB098 05553 RLC 35590 b

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shall pay the applicable fee, if not waived.

2 (2) Contents of petition. The petition shall be 3 verified and shall contain the petitioner's name, date of birth, current address and, for each arrest or charge not 4 5 initiated by arrest sought to be sealed or expunged, the 6 case number, the date of arrest (if any), the identity of 7 the arresting authority, and such other information as the 8 court may require. During the pendency of the proceeding, 9 the petitioner shall promptly notify the circuit court 10 clerk of any change of his or her address. If the 11 petitioner has received a certificate of eligibility for 12 sealing from the Prisoner Review Board under paragraph (10) of subsection (a) of Section 3-3-2 of the Unified Code of 13 14 Corrections, the certificate shall be attached to the 15 petition.

16 (3) Drug test. The petitioner must attach to the 17 petition proof that the petitioner has passed a test taken within 30 days before the filing of the petition showing 18 19 the absence within his or her body of all illegal 20 substances as defined by the Illinois Controlled 21 Substances Act, the Methamphetamine Control and Community 22 Protection Act, and the Cannabis Control Act if he or she 23 is petitioning to seal felony records pursuant to clause 24 (c)(2)(E), (c)(2)(F)(ii)-(v), or (e-5) or if he or she is 25 petitioning to expunge felony records of a qualified 26 probation pursuant to clause (b) (1) (B) (iv).

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1 (4) Service of petition. The circuit court clerk shall 2 promptly serve a copy of the petition on the State's 3 Attorney or prosecutor charged with the duty of prosecuting 4 the offense, the Department of State Police, the arresting 5 agency and the chief legal officer of the unit of local 6 government effecting the arrest.

(5) Objections.

8 (A) Any party entitled to notice of the petition 9 may file an objection to the petition. All objections 10 shall be in writing, shall be filed with the circuit 11 court clerk, and shall state with specificity the basis 12 of the objection.

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

(6) Entry of order.

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

(B) Unless the State's Attorney or prosecutor, the
 Department of State Police, the arresting agency, or
 the chief legal officer files an objection to the

petition to expunge or seal within 60 days from the date of service of the petition, the court shall enter an order granting or denying the petition.

(7) Hearings. If an objection is filed, the court shall 4 5 set a date for a hearing and notify the petitioner and all parties entitled to notice of the petition of the hearing 6 7 date at least 30 days prior to the hearing, and shall hear 8 evidence on whether the petition should or should not be 9 granted, and shall grant or deny the petition to expunge or 10 seal the records based on the evidence presented at the 11 hearing.

12 (8) Service of order. After entering an order to 13 expunge or seal records, the court must provide copies of 14 the order to the Department, in a form and manner 15 prescribed by the Department, to the petitioner, to the 16 State's Attorney or prosecutor charged with the duty of 17 prosecuting the offense, to the arresting agency, to the chief legal officer of the unit of local government 18 19 effecting the arrest, and to such other criminal justice 20 agencies as may be ordered by the court.

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(9) Effect of order.

(A) Upon entry of an order to expunge recordspursuant to (b) (2) (A) or (b) (2) (B) (ii), or both:

(i) the records shall be expunded (as defined
in subsection (a) (1) (E)) by the arresting agency,
the Department, and any other agency as ordered by

the court, within 60 days of the date of service of the order, unless a motion to vacate, modify, or reconsider the order is filed pursuant to paragraph (12) of subsection (d) of this Section;

5 (ii) the records of the circuit court clerk shall be impounded until further order of the court 6 7 upon good cause shown and the name of the 8 petitioner obliterated on the official index 9 required to be kept by the circuit court clerk 10 under Section 16 of the Clerks of Courts Act, but 11 the order shall not affect any index issued by the 12 circuit court clerk before the entry of the order; 13 and

14 (iii) in response to an inquiry for expunded 15 records, the court, the Department, or the agency 16 receiving such inquiry, shall reply as it does in 17 response to inquiries when no records ever 18 existed.

19(B) Upon entry of an order to expunge records20pursuant to (b)(2)(B)(i) or (b)(2)(C), or both:

(i) the records shall be expunded (as defined
in subsection (a) (1) (E)) by the arresting agency
and any other agency as ordered by the court,
within 60 days of the date of service of the order,
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the order is filed pursuant to paragraph (12) of

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subsection (d) of this Section;

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

10 (iii) the records shall be impounded by the 11 Department within 60 days of the date of service of 12 the order as ordered by the court, unless a motion 13 to vacate, modify, or reconsider the order is filed 14 pursuant to paragraph (12) of subsection (d) of 15 this Section;

16 (iv) records impounded by the Department may 17 be disseminated by the Department only as required by law or to the arresting authority, the State's 18 19 Attorney, and the court upon a later arrest for the 20 same or a similar offense or for the purpose of 21 sentencing for any subsequent felony, and to the 22 Department of Corrections upon conviction for any 23 offense: and

(v) in response to an inquiry for such records
from anyone not authorized by law to access such
records the court, the Department, or the agency

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receiving such inquiry shall reply as it does in response to inquiries when no records ever existed.

(C) Upon entry of an order to seal records under 4 5 subsection (c), the arresting agency, any other agency 6 as ordered by the court, the Department, and the court 7 shall seal the records (as defined in subsection (a) (1) (K)). In response to an inquiry for such records 8 9 from anyone not authorized by law to access such 10 records the court, the Department, or the agency 11 receiving such inquiry shall reply as it does in 12 response to inquiries when no records ever existed.

13 (10) Fees. The Department may charge the petitioner a 14 fee equivalent to the cost of processing any order to 15 expunge or seal records. Notwithstanding any provision of 16 the Clerks of Courts Act to the contrary, the circuit court 17 clerk may charge a fee equivalent to the cost associated with the sealing or expungement of records by the circuit 18 19 court clerk. Notwithstanding any provision of the Clerks of 20 Courts Act to the contrary, the circuit court clerk shall 21 charge a \$150 fee per offense plus court costs if 22 expungement is sought under paragraph (1.5) of subsection 23 (b) of this Section. The fees shall be deposited in a 24 special fund which is created in the State treasury known 25 as the Misdemeanor Expungement Fund to be administered by 26 the Secretary of Human Services. The Secretary of Human

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1	Services shall disburse moneys in the fund on a quarterly
2	basis for grants as follows:
3	(A) in the nineteenth judicial circuit (Lake
4	County) to the Southside Positive Youth;
5	(B) in the County of Cook to the Chicago Area
6	Project; and
7	(C) in other judicial circuits to youth programs in
8	circuits that:
9	(i) have an unemployment rate of at least 10%;
10	<u>(</u> ii) less than 5 after-school programs or no
11	after-school programs; and
12	(iii) at least 45% of the households receives
13	food stamps.
14	From the total filing fee collected for the petition to
15	seal or expunge, the circuit court clerk shall deposit \$10
16	into the Circuit Court Clerk Operation and Administrative
17	Fund, to be used to offset the costs incurred by the
18	circuit court clerk in performing the additional duties
19	required to serve the petition to seal or expunge on all
20	parties. The circuit court clerk shall collect and forward
21	the Department of State Police portion of the fee to the
22	Department and it shall be deposited in the State Police
23	Services Fund.

(11) Final Order. No court order issued under the
expungement or sealing provisions of this Section shall
become final for purposes of appeal until 30 days after

service of the order on the petitioner and all parties
 entitled to notice of the petition.

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3 (12) Motion to Vacate, Modify, or Reconsider. The
4 petitioner or any party entitled to notice may file a
5 motion to vacate, modify, or reconsider the order granting
6 or denying the petition to expunge or seal within 60 days
7 of service of the order.

8 (e) Whenever a person who has been convicted of an offense 9 granted a pardon by the Governor which specifically is 10 authorizes expungement, he or she may, upon verified petition 11 to the Chief Judge of the circuit where the person had been 12 convicted, any judge of the circuit designated by the Chief Judge, or in counties of less than 3,000,000 inhabitants, the 13 presiding trial judge at the defendant's trial, have a court 14 15 order entered expunging the record of arrest from the official 16 records of the arresting authority and order that the records 17 of the circuit court clerk and the Department be sealed until further order of the court upon good cause shown or as 18 otherwise provided herein, and the name of the defendant 19 20 obliterated from the official index requested to be kept by the circuit court clerk under Section 16 of the Clerks of Courts 21 22 Act in connection with the arrest and conviction for the 23 offense for which he or she had been pardoned but the order shall not affect any index issued by the circuit court clerk 24 25 before the entry of the order. All records sealed by the 26 Department may be disseminated by the Department only to the

arresting authority, the State's Attorney, and the court upon a 1 2 later arrest for the same or similar offense or for the purpose 3 of sentencing for any subsequent felony. Upon conviction for any subsequent offense, the Department of Corrections shall 4 5 have access to all sealed records of the Department pertaining to that individual. Upon entry of the order of expungement, the 6 circuit court clerk shall promptly mail a copy of the order to 7 8 the person who was pardoned.

9 (e-5) Whenever a person who has been convicted of an 10 offense is granted a certificate of eligibility for sealing by 11 the Prisoner Review Board which specifically authorizes 12 sealing, he or she may, upon verified petition to the Chief Judge of the circuit where the person had been convicted, any 13 judge of the circuit designated by the Chief Judge, or in 14 counties of less than 3,000,000 inhabitants, the presiding 15 16 trial judge at the petitioner's trial, have a court order 17 entered sealing the record of arrest from the official records of the arresting authority and order that the records of the 18 19 circuit court clerk and the Department be sealed until further order of the court upon good cause shown or as otherwise 20 provided herein, and the name of the petitioner obliterated 21 22 from the official index requested to be kept by the circuit 23 court clerk under Section 16 of the Clerks of Courts Act in connection with the arrest and conviction for the offense for 24 25 which he or she had been granted the certificate but the order 26 shall not affect any index issued by the circuit court clerk

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before the entry of the order. All records sealed by the 1 2 Department may be disseminated by the Department only as 3 required by this Act or to the arresting authority, a law enforcement agency, the State's Attorney, and the court upon a 4 5 later arrest for the same or similar offense or for the purpose 6 of sentencing for any subsequent felony. Upon conviction for any subsequent offense, the Department of Corrections shall 7 have access to all sealed records of the Department pertaining 8 9 to that individual. Upon entry of the order of sealing, the 10 circuit court clerk shall promptly mail a copy of the order to 11 the person who was granted the certificate of eligibility for 12 sealing.

13 (f) Subject to available funding, the Illinois Department 14 of Corrections shall conduct a study of the impact of sealing, 15 especially on employment and recidivism rates, utilizing a random sample of those who apply for the sealing of their 16 17 criminal records under Public Act 93-211. At the request of the Illinois Department of Corrections, records of the Illinois 18 19 Department of Employment Security shall be utilized as 20 appropriate to assist in the study. The study shall not data in a manner that 21 disclose any would allow the 22 identification of any particular individual or employing unit. 23 The study shall be made available to the General Assembly no later than September 1, 2010. 24

25 (Source: P.A. 96-409, eff. 1-1-10; 96-1401, eff. 7-29-10;
26 96-1532, eff. 1-1-12; 96-1551, Article 1, Section 905, eff.

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1	7-1-11; 96-1551, Article 2, Section 925, eff. 7-1-11; 97-443
2	eff. 8-19-11; 97-698, eff. 1-1-13; 97-1026, eff. 1-1-13
3	97-1108, eff. 1-1-13; 97-1109, eff. 1-1-13; 97-1118, eff
4	1-1-13; 97-1120, eff. 1-1-13; 97-1150, eff. 1-25-13.)
5	Section 10. The State Finance Act is amended by addin
6	Section 5.826 as follows:
7	(30 ILCS 105/5.826 new)
8	Sec. 5.826. The Misdemeanor Expungement Fund.