

1 AN ACT concerning criminal law.

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

4 Section 5. The Park District Code is amended by changing  
5 Section 8-23 as follows:

6 (70 ILCS 1205/8-23)

7 Sec. 8-23. Criminal background investigations.

8 (a) An applicant for employment with a park district is  
9 required as a condition of employment to authorize an  
10 investigation to determine if the applicant has been convicted  
11 of, or adjudicated a delinquent minor for, any of the  
12 enumerated criminal or drug offenses in subsection (c) of this  
13 Section or has been convicted, within 7 years of the  
14 application for employment with the park district, of any other  
15 felony under the laws of this State or of any offense committed  
16 or attempted in any other state or against the laws of the  
17 United States that, if committed or attempted in this State,  
18 would have been punishable as a felony under the laws of this  
19 State. Authorization for the investigation shall be furnished  
20 by the applicant to the park district. Upon receipt of this  
21 authorization, the park district shall submit the applicant's  
22 name, sex, race, date of birth, and social security number to  
23 the Department of State Police on forms prescribed by the

1 Department of State Police. The Department of State Police  
2 shall conduct a search of the Illinois criminal history records  
3 database to ascertain if the applicant being considered for  
4 employment has been convicted of, or adjudicated a delinquent  
5 minor for, committing or attempting to commit any of the  
6 enumerated criminal or drug offenses in subsection (c) of this  
7 Section or has been convicted of committing or attempting to  
8 commit, within 7 years of the application for employment with  
9 the park district, any other felony under the laws of this  
10 State. The Department of State Police shall charge the park  
11 district a fee for conducting the investigation, which fee  
12 shall be deposited in the State Police Services Fund and shall  
13 not exceed the cost of the inquiry. The applicant shall not be  
14 charged a fee by the park district for the investigation.

15 (b) If the search of the Illinois criminal history record  
16 database indicates that the applicant has been convicted of, or  
17 adjudicated a delinquent minor for, committing or attempting to  
18 commit any of the enumerated criminal or drug offenses in  
19 subsection (c) or has been convicted of committing or  
20 attempting to commit, within 7 years of the application for  
21 employment with the park district, any other felony under the  
22 laws of this State, the Department of State Police and the  
23 Federal Bureau of Investigation shall furnish, pursuant to a  
24 fingerprint based background check, records of convictions or  
25 adjudications as a delinquent minor, until expunged, to the  
26 president of the park district. Any information concerning the

1 record of convictions or adjudications as a delinquent minor  
2 obtained by the president shall be confidential and may only be  
3 transmitted to those persons who are necessary to the decision  
4 on whether to hire the applicant for employment. A copy of the  
5 record of convictions or adjudications as a delinquent minor  
6 obtained from the Department of State Police shall be provided  
7 to the applicant for employment. Any person who releases any  
8 confidential information concerning any criminal convictions  
9 or adjudications as a delinquent minor of an applicant for  
10 employment shall be guilty of a Class A misdemeanor, unless the  
11 release of such information is authorized by this Section.

12 (c) No park district shall knowingly employ a person who  
13 has been convicted, or adjudicated a delinquent minor, for  
14 committing attempted first degree murder or for committing or  
15 attempting to commit first degree murder, a Class X felony, or  
16 any one or more of the following offenses: (i) those defined in  
17 Sections 11-6, 11-9, 11-14, 11-15, 11-15.1, 11-16, 11-17,  
18 11-18, 11-19, 11-19.1, 11-19.2, 11-20, 11-20.1, 11-21, 12-7.3,  
19 12-7.4, 12-7.5, 12-13, 12-14, 12-14.1, 12-15, and 12-16 of the  
20 Criminal Code of 1961; (ii) those defined in the Cannabis  
21 Control Act, except those defined in Sections 4(a), 4(b), and  
22 5(a) of that Act; (iii) those defined in the Illinois  
23 Controlled Substances Act; (iv) those defined in the  
24 Methamphetamine Control and Community Protection Act; and (v)  
25 any offense committed or attempted in any other state or  
26 against the laws of the United States, which, if committed or

1 attempted in this State, would have been punishable as one or  
2 more of the foregoing offenses. Further, no park district shall  
3 knowingly employ a person who has been found to be the  
4 perpetrator of sexual or physical abuse of any minor under 18  
5 years of age pursuant to proceedings under Article II of the  
6 Juvenile Court Act of 1987. No park district shall knowingly  
7 employ a person for whom a criminal background investigation  
8 has not been initiated.

9 (Source: P.A. 93-418, eff. 1-1-04; 94-556, eff. 9-11-05.)

10 Section 10. The Juvenile Court Act of 1987 is amended by  
11 changing Sections 1-7 and 5-905 as follows:

12 (705 ILCS 405/1-7) (from Ch. 37, par. 801-7)

13 Sec. 1-7. Confidentiality of law enforcement records.

14 (A) Inspection and copying of law enforcement records  
15 maintained by law enforcement agencies that relate to a minor  
16 who has been arrested or taken into custody before his or her  
17 17th birthday shall be restricted to the following:

18 (1) Any local, State or federal law enforcement  
19 officers of any jurisdiction or agency when necessary for  
20 the discharge of their official duties during the  
21 investigation or prosecution of a crime or relating to a  
22 minor who has been adjudicated delinquent and there has  
23 been a previous finding that the act which constitutes the  
24 previous offense was committed in furtherance of criminal

1 activities by a criminal street gang, or, when necessary  
2 for the discharge of its official duties in connection with  
3 a particular investigation of the conduct of a law  
4 enforcement officer, an independent agency or its staff  
5 created by ordinance and charged by a unit of local  
6 government with the duty of investigating the conduct of  
7 law enforcement officers. For purposes of this Section,  
8 "criminal street gang" has the meaning ascribed to it in  
9 Section 10 of the Illinois Streetgang Terrorism Omnibus  
10 Prevention Act.

11 (2) Prosecutors, probation officers, social workers,  
12 or other individuals assigned by the court to conduct a  
13 pre-adjudication or pre-disposition investigation, and  
14 individuals responsible for supervising or providing  
15 temporary or permanent care and custody for minors pursuant  
16 to the order of the juvenile court, when essential to  
17 performing their responsibilities.

18 (3) Prosecutors and probation officers:

19 (a) in the course of a trial when institution of  
20 criminal proceedings has been permitted or required  
21 under Section 5-805; or

22 (b) when institution of criminal proceedings has  
23 been permitted or required under Section 5-805 and such  
24 minor is the subject of a proceeding to determine the  
25 amount of bail; or

26 (c) when criminal proceedings have been permitted

1 or required under Section 5-805 and such minor is the  
2 subject of a pre-trial investigation, pre-sentence  
3 investigation, fitness hearing, or proceedings on an  
4 application for probation.

5 (4) Adult and Juvenile Prisoner Review Board.

6 (5) Authorized military personnel.

7 (6) Persons engaged in bona fide research, with the  
8 permission of the Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court and  
9 the chief executive of the respective law enforcement  
10 agency; provided that publication of such research results  
11 in no disclosure of a minor's identity and protects the  
12 confidentiality of the minor's record.

13 (7) Department of Children and Family Services child  
14 protection investigators acting in their official  
15 capacity.

16 (8) The appropriate school official. Inspection and  
17 copying shall be limited to law enforcement records  
18 transmitted to the appropriate school official by a local  
19 law enforcement agency under a reciprocal reporting system  
20 established and maintained between the school district and  
21 the local law enforcement agency under Section 10-20.14 of  
22 the School Code concerning a minor enrolled in a school  
23 within the school district who has been arrested or taken  
24 into custody for any of the following offenses:

25 (i) unlawful use of weapons under Section 24-1 of  
26 the Criminal Code of 1961;

1           (ii) a violation of the Illinois Controlled  
2           Substances Act;

3           (iii) a violation of the Cannabis Control Act;

4           (iv) a forcible felony as defined in Section 2-8 of  
5           the Criminal Code of 1961; or

6           (v) a violation of the Methamphetamine Control and  
7           Community Protection Act.

8           (9) Mental health professionals on behalf of the  
9           Illinois Department of Corrections or the Department of  
10          Human Services or prosecutors who are evaluating,  
11          prosecuting, or investigating a potential or actual  
12          petition brought under the Sexually Violent Persons  
13          Commitment Act relating to a person who is the subject of  
14          juvenile law enforcement records or the respondent to a  
15          petition brought under the Sexually Violent Persons  
16          Commitment Act who is the subject of the juvenile law  
17          enforcement records sought. Any records and any  
18          information obtained from those records under this  
19          paragraph (9) may be used only in sexually violent persons  
20          commitment proceedings.

21          (10) The president of a park district. Inspection and  
22          copying shall be limited to law enforcement records  
23          transmitted to the president of the park district by the  
24          Illinois State Police under Section 8-23 of the Park  
25          District Code concerning a person who is seeking employment  
26          with that park district and who has been adjudicated a

1 juvenile delinquent for any of the offenses listed in  
2 subsection (c) of Section 8-23 of the Park District Code.

3 (B) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), no law  
4 enforcement officer or other person or agency may knowingly  
5 transmit to the Department of Corrections, Adult Division  
6 or the Department of State Police or to the Federal Bureau  
7 of Investigation any fingerprint or photograph relating to  
8 a minor who has been arrested or taken into custody before  
9 his or her 17th birthday, unless the court in proceedings  
10 under this Act authorizes the transmission or enters an  
11 order under Section 5-805 permitting or requiring the  
12 institution of criminal proceedings.

13 (2) Law enforcement officers or other persons or  
14 agencies shall transmit to the Department of State Police  
15 copies of fingerprints and descriptions of all minors who  
16 have been arrested or taken into custody before their 17th  
17 birthday for the offense of unlawful use of weapons under  
18 Article 24 of the Criminal Code of 1961, a Class X or Class  
19 1 felony, a forcible felony as defined in Section 2-8 of  
20 the Criminal Code of 1961, or a Class 2 or greater felony  
21 under the Cannabis Control Act, the Illinois Controlled  
22 Substances Act, the Methamphetamine Control and Community  
23 Protection Act, or Chapter 4 of the Illinois Vehicle Code,  
24 pursuant to Section 5 of the Criminal Identification Act.  
25 Information reported to the Department pursuant to this  
26 Section may be maintained with records that the Department



1 files pursuant to Section 2.1 of the Criminal  
2 Identification Act. Nothing in this Act prohibits a law  
3 enforcement agency from fingerprinting a minor taken into  
4 custody or arrested before his or her 17th birthday for an  
5 offense other than those listed in this paragraph (2).

6 (C) The records of law enforcement officers, or of an  
7 independent agency created by ordinance and charged by a unit  
8 of local government with the duty of investigating the conduct  
9 of law enforcement officers, concerning all minors under 17  
10 years of age must be maintained separate from the records of  
11 arrests and may not be open to public inspection or their  
12 contents disclosed to the public except by order of the court  
13 presiding over matters pursuant to this Act or when the  
14 institution of criminal proceedings has been permitted or  
15 required under Section 5-805 or such a person has been  
16 convicted of a crime and is the subject of pre-sentence  
17 investigation or proceedings on an application for probation or  
18 when provided by law. For purposes of obtaining documents  
19 pursuant to this Section, a civil subpoena is not an order of  
20 the court.

21 (1) In cases where the law enforcement, or independent  
22 agency, records concern a pending juvenile court case, the  
23 party seeking to inspect the records shall provide actual  
24 notice to the attorney or guardian ad litem of the minor  
25 whose records are sought.

26 (2) In cases where the records concern a juvenile court

1 case that is no longer pending, the party seeking to  
2 inspect the records shall provide actual notice to the  
3 minor or the minor's parent or legal guardian, and the  
4 matter shall be referred to the chief judge presiding over  
5 matters pursuant to this Act.

6 (3) In determining whether the records should be  
7 available for inspection, the court shall consider the  
8 minor's interest in confidentiality and rehabilitation  
9 over the moving party's interest in obtaining the  
10 information. Any records obtained in violation of this  
11 subsection (C) shall not be admissible in any criminal or  
12 civil proceeding, or operate to disqualify a minor from  
13 subsequently holding public office or securing employment,  
14 or operate as a forfeiture of any public benefit, right,  
15 privilege, or right to receive any license granted by  
16 public authority.

17 (D) Nothing contained in subsection (C) of this Section  
18 shall prohibit the inspection or disclosure to victims and  
19 witnesses of photographs contained in the records of law  
20 enforcement agencies when the inspection and disclosure is  
21 conducted in the presence of a law enforcement officer for the  
22 purpose of the identification or apprehension of any person  
23 subject to the provisions of this Act or for the investigation  
24 or prosecution of any crime.

25 (E) Law enforcement officers, and personnel of an  
26 independent agency created by ordinance and charged by a unit

1 of local government with the duty of investigating the conduct  
2 of law enforcement officers, may not disclose the identity of  
3 any minor in releasing information to the general public as to  
4 the arrest, investigation or disposition of any case involving  
5 a minor.

6 (F) Nothing contained in this Section shall prohibit law  
7 enforcement agencies from communicating with each other by  
8 letter, memorandum, teletype or intelligence alert bulletin or  
9 other means the identity or other relevant information  
10 pertaining to a person under 17 years of age if there are  
11 reasonable grounds to believe that the person poses a real and  
12 present danger to the safety of the public or law enforcement  
13 officers. The information provided under this subsection (F)  
14 shall remain confidential and shall not be publicly disclosed,  
15 except as otherwise allowed by law.

16 (G) Nothing in this Section shall prohibit the right of a  
17 Civil Service Commission or appointing authority of any state,  
18 county or municipality examining the character and fitness of  
19 an applicant for employment with a law enforcement agency,  
20 correctional institution, or fire department from obtaining  
21 and examining the records of any law enforcement agency  
22 relating to any record of the applicant having been arrested or  
23 taken into custody before the applicant's 17th birthday.

24 (Source: P.A. 95-123, eff. 8-13-07; 96-419, eff. 8-13-09.)

25 (705 ILCS 405/5-905)

1           Sec. 5-905. Law enforcement records.

2           (1) Law Enforcement Records. Inspection and copying of law  
3 enforcement records maintained by law enforcement agencies  
4 that relate to a minor who has been arrested or taken into  
5 custody before his or her 17th birthday shall be restricted to  
6 the following and when necessary for the discharge of their  
7 official duties:

8           (a) A judge of the circuit court and members of the  
9 staff of the court designated by the judge;

10           (b) Law enforcement officers, probation officers or  
11 prosecutors or their staff, or, when necessary for the  
12 discharge of its official duties in connection with a  
13 particular investigation of the conduct of a law  
14 enforcement officer, an independent agency or its staff  
15 created by ordinance and charged by a unit of local  
16 government with the duty of investigating the conduct of  
17 law enforcement officers;

18           (c) The minor, the minor's parents or legal guardian  
19 and their attorneys, but only when the juvenile has been  
20 charged with an offense;

21           (d) Adult and Juvenile Prisoner Review Boards;

22           (e) Authorized military personnel;

23           (f) Persons engaged in bona fide research, with the  
24 permission of the judge of juvenile court and the chief  
25 executive of the agency that prepared the particular  
26 recording: provided that publication of such research

1 results in no disclosure of a minor's identity and protects  
2 the confidentiality of the record;

3 (g) Individuals responsible for supervising or  
4 providing temporary or permanent care and custody of minors  
5 pursuant to orders of the juvenile court or directives from  
6 officials of the Department of Children and Family Services  
7 or the Department of Human Services who certify in writing  
8 that the information will not be disclosed to any other  
9 party except as provided under law or order of court;

10 (h) The appropriate school official. Inspection and  
11 copying shall be limited to law enforcement records  
12 transmitted to the appropriate school official by a local  
13 law enforcement agency under a reciprocal reporting system  
14 established and maintained between the school district and  
15 the local law enforcement agency under Section 10-20.14 of  
16 the School Code concerning a minor enrolled in a school  
17 within the school district who has been arrested for any  
18 offense classified as a felony or a Class A or B  
19 misdemeanor.

20 (i) The president of a park district. Inspection and  
21 copying shall be limited to law enforcement records  
22 transmitted to the president of the park district by the  
23 Illinois State Police under Section 8-23 of the Park  
24 District Code concerning a person who is seeking employment  
25 with that park district and who has been adjudicated a  
26 juvenile delinquent for any of the offenses listed in

1           subsection (c) of Section 8-23 of the Park District Code.

2           (2) Information identifying victims and alleged victims of  
3 sex offenses, shall not be disclosed or open to public  
4 inspection under any circumstances. Nothing in this Section  
5 shall prohibit the victim or alleged victim of any sex offense  
6 from voluntarily disclosing his or her identity.

7           (2.5) If the minor is a victim of aggravated battery,  
8 battery, attempted first degree murder, or other non-sexual  
9 violent offense, the identity of the victim may be disclosed to  
10 appropriate school officials, for the purpose of preventing  
11 foreseeable future violence involving minors, by a local law  
12 enforcement agency pursuant to an agreement established  
13 between the school district and a local law enforcement agency  
14 subject to the approval by the presiding judge of the juvenile  
15 court.

16           (3) Relevant information, reports and records shall be made  
17 available to the Department of Juvenile Justice when a juvenile  
18 offender has been placed in the custody of the Department of  
19 Juvenile Justice.

20           (4) Nothing in this Section shall prohibit the inspection  
21 or disclosure to victims and witnesses of photographs contained  
22 in the records of law enforcement agencies when the inspection  
23 or disclosure is conducted in the presence of a law enforcement  
24 officer for purposes of identification or apprehension of any  
25 person in the course of any criminal investigation or  
26 prosecution.

1           (5) The records of law enforcement officers, or of an  
2 independent agency created by ordinance and charged by a unit  
3 of local government with the duty of investigating the conduct  
4 of law enforcement officers, concerning all minors under 17  
5 years of age must be maintained separate from the records of  
6 adults and may not be open to public inspection or their  
7 contents disclosed to the public except by order of the court  
8 or when the institution of criminal proceedings has been  
9 permitted under Section 5-130 or 5-805 or required under  
10 Section 5-130 or 5-805 or such a person has been convicted of a  
11 crime and is the subject of pre-sentence investigation or when  
12 provided by law.

13           (6) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection (6),  
14 law enforcement officers, and personnel of an independent  
15 agency created by ordinance and charged by a unit of local  
16 government with the duty of investigating the conduct of law  
17 enforcement officers, may not disclose the identity of any  
18 minor in releasing information to the general public as to the  
19 arrest, investigation or disposition of any case involving a  
20 minor. Any victim or parent or legal guardian of a victim may  
21 petition the court to disclose the name and address of the  
22 minor and the minor's parents or legal guardian, or both. Upon  
23 a finding by clear and convincing evidence that the disclosure  
24 is either necessary for the victim to pursue a civil remedy  
25 against the minor or the minor's parents or legal guardian, or  
26 both, or to protect the victim's person or property from the

1 minor, then the court may order the disclosure of the  
2 information to the victim or to the parent or legal guardian of  
3 the victim only for the purpose of the victim pursuing a civil  
4 remedy against the minor or the minor's parents or legal  
5 guardian, or both, or to protect the victim's person or  
6 property from the minor.

7 (7) Nothing contained in this Section shall prohibit law  
8 enforcement agencies when acting in their official capacity  
9 from communicating with each other by letter, memorandum,  
10 teletype or intelligence alert bulletin or other means the  
11 identity or other relevant information pertaining to a person  
12 under 17 years of age. The information provided under this  
13 subsection (7) shall remain confidential and shall not be  
14 publicly disclosed, except as otherwise allowed by law.

15 (8) No person shall disclose information under this Section  
16 except when acting in his or her official capacity and as  
17 provided by law or order of court.

18 (Source: P.A. 96-419, eff. 8-13-09; 96-1414, eff. 1-1-11.)

19 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
20 becoming law.