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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

20 ILCS 2630/5.2

Amends the Criminal Identification Act. Provides that when a person has been convicted of child abduction, the victim of the offense may request that the State's Attorney of the county in which the conviction occurred file a verified petition with the presiding trial judge at the petitioner's trial to have a court order entered to seal the records of the circuit court clerk in connection with the proceedings of the trial court concerning that offense.

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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:

4 Section 5. The Criminal Identification Act is amended by 5 changing Section 5.2 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 2630/5.2)

7 Sec. 5.2. Expungement, sealing, and immediate 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:

15	(i) Business Offense (730 ILCS 5/5-1-2),
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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(x) Parole (730 ILCS 5/5-1-16),
 (xi) Petty Offense (730 ILCS 5/5-1-17),
 (xii) Probation (730 ILCS 5/5-1-18),
 (xiii) Sentence (730 ILCS 5/5-1-19),
 (xiv) Supervision (730 ILCS 5/5-1-21), and
 (xv) Victim (730 ILCS 5/5-1-22).

(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 21 conviction. An order of supervision or an order of 22 qualified probation that is terminated 23 unsatisfactorily is а conviction, 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.

(E) "Expunge" means to physically destroy the 7 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 gualified 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 22 has included the criminal offense for which the 23 order of supervision or qualified sentence or 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 or 5-6-3.4 21 of the Unified Code of Corrections, Section 22 12-4.3(b)(1) and (2) of the Criminal Code of 1961 (as 23 those provisions existed before their deletion by Public Act 89-313), Section 10-102 of the Illinois 24 25 Alcoholism and Other Drug Dependency Act, Section 26 40-10 of the Substance Use Disorder Act, or Section 10

of the Steroid Control Act. For the purpose of this Section, "successful completion" of an order of qualified probation under Section 10-102 of the Illinois Alcoholism and Other Drug Dependency Act and Section 40-10 of the Substance Use Disorder Act means that the probation was terminated satisfactorily and the judgment of conviction was vacated.

8 (K) "Seal" means to physically and electronically 9 maintain the records, unless the records would otherwise be destroyed due to age, but to make the 10 11 records unavailable without a court order, subject to 12 the exceptions in Sections 12 and 13 of this Act. The 13 petitioner's name shall also be obliterated from the 14 official index required to be kept by the circuit court 15 clerk under Section 16 of the Clerks of Courts Act, but 16 any index issued by the circuit court clerk before the 17 entry of the order to seal shall not be affected.

(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
Section. A sentence is terminated notwithstanding any

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outstanding financial legal obligation.

2 (2) Minor Traffic Offenses. Orders of supervision or 3 convictions for minor traffic offenses shall not affect a 4 petitioner's eligibility to expunge or seal records 5 pursuant to this Section.

(2.5) Commencing 180 days after July 29, 2016 (the 6 7 effective date of Public Act 99-697), the law enforcement 8 agency issuing the citation shall automatically expunge, 9 on or before January 1 and July 1 of each year, the law 10 enforcement records of a person found to have committed a 11 civil law violation of subsection (a) of Section 4 of the 12 Cannabis Control Act or subsection (c) of Section 3.5 of 13 the Drug Paraphernalia Control Act in the law enforcement 14 agency's possession or control and which contains the final 15 satisfactory disposition which pertain to the person issued a citation for that offense. The law enforcement 16 17 agency shall provide by rule the process for access, review, and to confirm the automatic expungement by the law 18 19 enforcement agency issuing the citation. Commencing 180 20 days after July 29, 2016 (the effective date of Public Act 21 99-697), the clerk of the circuit court shall expunge, upon 22 order of the court, or in the absence of a court order on 23 or before January 1 and July 1 of each year, the court 24 records of a person found in the circuit court to have 25 committed a civil law violation of subsection (a) of 26 Section 4 of the Cannabis Control Act or subsection (c) of

Section 3.5 of the Drug Paraphernalia Control Act in the clerk's possession or control and which contains the final satisfactory disposition which pertain to the person issued a citation for any of those offenses.

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

(A) the sealing or expungement of the records of 8 9 arrests or charges not initiated by arrest that result 10 in an order of supervision for or conviction of: (i) 11 any sexual offense committed against a minor; (ii) 12 Section 11-501 of the Illinois Vehicle Code or a similar provision of a local ordinance; or 13 (iii) Section 11-503 of the Illinois Vehicle Code or a 14 15 similar provision of a local ordinance, unless the 16 arrest or charge is for a misdemeanor violation of 17 subsection (a) of Section 11-503 or a similar provision 18 of a local ordinance, that occurred prior to the 19 offender reaching the age of 25 years and the offender 20 has no other conviction for violating Section 11-501 or 11-503 of the Illinois Vehicle Code or a similar 21 22 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
without charging.

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1 (C) the sealing of the records of arrests or 2 charges not initiated by arrest which result in an 3 order of supervision or a conviction for the following 4 offenses:

(i) offenses included in Article 11 of the Criminal Code of 1961 or the Criminal Code of 2012 or a similar provision of a local ordinance, except Section 11-14 and a misdemeanor violation of Section 11-30 of the Criminal Code of 1961 or the Criminal Code of 2012, or a similar provision of a local ordinance;

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 (ii) Section 11-1.50, 12-3.4, 12-15, 12-30,

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 26-5, or 48-1 of the Criminal Code of 1961 or the

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 Criminal Code of 2012, or a similar provision of a

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 local ordinance;

(iii) Sections 12-3.1 or 12-3.2 of the Criminal Code of 1961 or the Criminal Code of 2012, or Section 125 of the Stalking No Contact Order Act, or Section 219 of the Civil No Contact Order Act, or a similar provision of a local ordinance;

(iv) Class A misdemeanors or felony offenses
 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) (blank).

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(b) Expungement.

2 (1) A petitioner may petition the circuit court to 3 expunge the records of his or her arrests and charges not initiated by arrest when each arrest or charge not 4 5 initiated by arrest sought to be expunded resulted in: (i) acquittal, dismissal, or the petitioner's release without 6 7 charging, unless excluded by subsection (a)(3)(B); (ii) a conviction which was vacated or reversed, unless excluded 8 9 by subsection (a) (3) (B); (iii) an order of supervision and 10 such supervision was successfully completed by the 11 petitioner, unless excluded by subsection (a)(3)(A) or 12 (a)(3)(B); or (iv) an order of qualified probation (as 13 defined in subsection (a)(1)(J)) and such probation was 14 successfully completed by the petitioner.

15 (1.5) When a petitioner seeks to have a record of 16 arrest expunged under this Section, and the offender has 17 been convicted of a criminal offense, the State's Attorney 18 may object to the expungement on the grounds that the 19 records contain specific relevant information aside from 20 the mere fact of the arrest.

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

(A) When the arrest or charge not initiated by
arrest sought to be expunded resulted in an acquittal,
dismissal, the petitioner's release without charging,
or the reversal or vacation of a conviction, there is
no waiting period to petition for the expundement of

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(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:

6 (i) Those arrests or charges that resulted in orders of supervision under Section 3-707, 3-708, 7 3-710, or 5-401.3 of the Illinois Vehicle Code or a 8 9 similar provision of a local ordinance, or under 10 Section 11-1.50, 12-3.2, or 12-15 of the Criminal 11 Code of 1961 or the Criminal Code of 2012, or a 12 similar provision of a local ordinance, shall not 13 be eligible for expungement until 5 years have 14 passed following the satisfactory termination of 15 the supervision.

16 (i-5) Those arrests or charges that resulted 17 in orders of supervision for a misdemeanor violation of subsection (a) of Section 11-503 of 18 19 the Illinois Vehicle Code or a similar provision of 20 a local ordinance, that occurred prior to the 21 offender reaching the age of 25 years and the 22 offender has no other conviction for violating 23 Section 11-501 or 11-503 of the Illinois Vehicle Code or a similar provision of a local ordinance 24 25 shall not be eligible for expungement until the 26 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.

6 (C) When the arrest or charge not initiated by 7 arrest sought to be expunged resulted in an order of 8 qualified probation, successfully completed by the 9 petitioner, such records shall not be eligible for 10 expungement until 5 years have passed following the 11 satisfactory termination of the probation.

12 (3) Those records maintained by the Department for 13 persons arrested prior to their 17th birthday shall be 14 expunged as provided in Section 5-915 of the Juvenile Court 15 Act of 1987.

16 (4) Whenever a person has been arrested for or convicted of any offense, in the name of a person whose 17 identity he or she has stolen or otherwise come into 18 19 possession of, the aggrieved person from whom the identity 20 was stolen or otherwise obtained without authorization, 21 upon learning of the person having been arrested using his 22 or her identity, may, upon verified petition to the chief 23 judge of the circuit wherein the arrest was made, have a 24 court order entered nunc pro tunc by the Chief Judge to 25 correct the arrest record, conviction record, if any, and 26 all official records of the arresting authority, the

1 Department, other criminal justice agencies, the 2 prosecutor, and the trial court concerning such arrest, if 3 any, by removing his or her name from all such records in connection with the arrest and conviction, if any, and by 4 5 inserting in the records the name of the offender, if known or ascertainable, in lieu of the aggrieved's name. The 6 records of the circuit court clerk shall be sealed until 7 8 further order of the court upon good cause shown and the 9 name of the aggrieved person obliterated on the official 10 index required to be kept by the circuit court clerk under 11 Section 16 of the Clerks of Courts Act, but the order shall 12 not affect any index issued by the circuit court clerk before the entry of the order. Nothing in this Section 13 14 shall limit the Department of State Police or other 15 criminal justice agencies or prosecutors from listing 16 under an offender's name the false names he or she has 17 used.

(5) Whenever a person has been convicted of criminal 18 19 sexual assault, aggravated criminal sexual assault, 20 predatory criminal sexual assault of a child, criminal 21 sexual abuse, child abduction, or aggravated criminal 22 sexual abuse, the victim of that offense may request that 23 the State's Attorney of the county in which the conviction 24 occurred file a verified petition with the presiding trial 25 judge at the petitioner's trial to have a court order entered to seal the records of the circuit court clerk in 26

connection with the proceedings of the trial court 1 2 concerning that offense. However, the records of the 3 arresting authority and the Department of State Police concerning the offense shall not be sealed. The court, upon 4 5 good cause shown, shall make the records of the circuit 6 court clerk in connection with the proceedings of the trial 7 concerning the offense available for court public 8 inspection.

9 (6) If a conviction has been set aside on direct review 10 or on collateral attack and the court determines by clear 11 and convincing evidence that the petitioner was factually 12 innocent of the charge, the court that finds the petitioner factually innocent of the charge shall enter an expungement 13 14 order for the conviction for which the petitioner has been 15 determined to be innocent as provided in subsection (b) of 16 Section 5-5-4 of the Unified Code of Corrections.

17 Nothing in this Section shall prevent (7) the Department of State Police from maintaining all records of 18 any person who is admitted to probation upon terms and 19 20 conditions and who fulfills those terms and conditions pursuant to Section 10 of the Cannabis Control Act, Section 21 22 410 of the Illinois Controlled Substances Act, Section 70 23 of the Methamphetamine Control and Community Protection Act, Section 5-6-3.3 or 5-6-3.4 of the Unified Code of 24 25 Corrections, Section 12-4.3 or subdivision (b)(1) of Section 12-3.05 of the Criminal Code of 1961 or the 26

Criminal Code of 2012, Section 10-102 of the Illinois
 Alcoholism and Other Drug Dependency Act, Section 40-10 of
 the Substance Use Disorder Act, or Section 10 of the
 Steroid Control Act.

5 (8) If the petitioner has been granted a certificate of 6 innocence under Section 2-702 of the Code of Civil 7 Procedure, the court that grants the certificate of 8 innocence shall also enter an order expunging the 9 conviction for which the petitioner has been determined to 10 be innocent as provided in subsection (h) of Section 2-702 11 of the Code of Civil Procedure.

12 (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. Subsection (g) of this Section
provides for immediate sealing of certain records.

19 (2) Eligible Records. The following records may be20 sealed:

21 (A) All arrests resulting in release without22 charging;

(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);

1 (C) Arrests or charges not initiated by arrest 2 resulting in orders of supervision, including orders 3 of supervision for municipal ordinance violations, 4 successfully completed by the petitioner, unless 5 excluded by subsection (a)(3);

6 (D) Arrests or charges not initiated by arrest 7 resulting in convictions, including convictions on 8 municipal ordinance violations, unless excluded by 9 subsection (a)(3);

10 (E) Arrests or charges not initiated by arrest 11 resulting in orders of first offender probation under 12 Section 10 of the Cannabis Control Act, Section 410 of 13 the Illinois Controlled Substances Act, Section 70 of 14 the Methamphetamine Control and Community Protection 15 Act, or Section 5-6-3.3 of the Unified Code of 16 Corrections; and

17 (F) Arrests or charges not initiated by arrest
18 resulting in felony convictions unless otherwise
19 excluded by subsection (a) paragraph (3) of this
20 Section.

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

24 (A) Records identified as eligible under
25 subsection (c) (2) (A) and (c) (2) (B) may be sealed at any
26 time.

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(B) Except as otherwise provided in subparagraph
(E) of this paragraph (3), records identified as
eligible under subsection (c)(2)(C) may be sealed 2
years after the termination of petitioner's last
sentence (as defined in subsection (a)(1)(F)).

6 (C) Except as otherwise provided in subparagraph 7 (E) of this paragraph (3), records identified as 8 eligible under subsections (c)(2)(D), (c)(2)(E), and 9 (c)(2)(F) may be sealed 3 years after the termination 10 of the petitioner's last sentence (as defined in 11 subsection (a)(1)(F)). Convictions requiring public 12 registration under the Arsonist Registration Act, the 13 Sex Offender Registration Act, or the Murderer and 14 Violent Offender Against Youth Registration Act may 15 not be sealed until the petitioner is no longer 16 required to register under that relevant Act.

17 (D) Records identified in subsection
18 (a) (3) (A) (iii) may be sealed after the petitioner has
19 reached the age of 25 years.

20 (E) Records identified as eligible under 21 subsections (c) (2) (C), (c) (2) (D), (c) (2) (E), or 22 (c)(2)(F) may be sealed upon termination of the 23 petitioner's last sentence if the petitioner earned a 24 high school diploma, associate's degree, career 25 certificate, vocational technical certification, or 26 bachelor's degree, or passed the high school level Test

1 of General Educational Development, during the period of his or her sentence, aftercare release, or mandatory 2 3 supervised release. This subparagraph shall apply only to a petitioner who has not completed the same 4 educational goal prior to the period of his or her 5 6 sentence, aftercare release, or mandatory supervised 7 release. If a petition for sealing eligible records filed under this subparagraph is denied by the court, 8 9 the time periods under subparagraph (B) or (C) shall 10 apply to any subsequent petition for sealing filed by 11 the petitioner.

12 (4) Subsequent felony convictions. A person may not have subsequent felony conviction records sealed as 13 14 provided in this subsection (c) if he or she is convicted 15 of any felony offense after the date of the sealing of 16 prior felony convictions as provided in this subsection 17 (c). The court may, upon conviction for a subsequent felony offense, order the unsealing of prior felony conviction 18 19 records previously ordered sealed by the court.

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

(d) Procedure. The following procedures apply to
expungement under subsections (b), (e), and (e-6) and sealing

1 under subsections (c) and (e-5):

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2 (1) Filing the petition. Upon becoming eligible to 3 petition for the expungement or sealing of records under Section, the petitioner shall file a 4 this petition requesting the expungement or sealing of records with the 5 clerk of the court where the arrests occurred or the 6 7 charges were brought, or both. If arrests occurred or 8 charges were brought in multiple jurisdictions, a petition 9 must be filed in each such jurisdiction. The petitioner 10 shall pay the applicable fee, except no fee shall be 11 required if the petitioner has obtained a court order 12 waiving fees under Supreme Court Rule 298 or it is 13 otherwise waived.

(1.5) County fee waiver pilot program. In a county of 14 15 3,000,000 or more inhabitants, no fee shall be required to 16 be paid by a petitioner if the records sought to be 17 expunged or sealed were arrests resulting in release without charging or arrests or charges not initiated by 18 19 arrest resulting in acquittal, dismissal, or conviction when the conviction was reversed or vacated, unless 20 21 excluded by subsection (a)(3)(B). The provisions of this 22 paragraph (1.5), other than this sentence, are inoperative 23 on and after January 1, 2019.

(2) Contents of petition. The petition shall be
verified and shall contain the petitioner's name, date of
birth, current address and, for each arrest or charge not

initiated by arrest sought to be sealed or expunded, the 1 2 case number, the date of arrest (if any), the identity of 3 the arresting authority, and such other information as the court may require. During the pendency of the proceeding, 4 5 the petitioner shall promptly notify the circuit court clerk of any change of his or her address. If 6 the 7 petitioner has received a certificate of eligibility for 8 sealing from the Prisoner Review Board under paragraph (10) 9 of subsection (a) of Section 3-3-2 of the Unified Code of 10 Corrections, the certificate shall be attached to the 11 petition.

12 (3) Drug test. The petitioner must attach to the petition proof that the petitioner has passed a test taken 13 14 within 30 days before the filing of the petition showing 15 the absence within his or her body of all illegal 16 substances as defined by the Illinois Controlled 17 Substances Act, the Methamphetamine Control and Community Protection Act, and the Cannabis Control Act if he or she 18 19 is petitioning to:

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(A) seal felony records under clause (c) (2) (E);

(B) seal felony records for a violation of the
Illinois Controlled Substances Act, the
Methamphetamine Control and Community Protection Act,
or the Cannabis Control Act under clause (c) (2) (F);

25 (C) seal felony records under subsection (e-5); or
26 (D) expunge felony records of a qualified

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probation under clause (b)(1)(iv).

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

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(5) Objections.

10 (A) Any party entitled to notice of the petition 11 may file an objection to the petition. All objections 12 shall be in writing, shall be filed with the circuit 13 court clerk, and shall state with specificity the basis 14 of the objection. Whenever a person who has been 15 convicted of an offense is granted a pardon by the 16 Governor which specifically authorizes expungement, an 17 objection to the petition may not be filed.

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

21 (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

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petition to expunge or seal as set forth in this subsection (d)(6).

3 (B) Unless the State's Attorney or prosecutor, the 4 Department of State Police, the arresting agency, or 5 the chief legal officer files an objection to the 6 petition to expunge or seal within 60 days from the 7 date of service of the petition, the court shall enter 8 an order granting or denying the petition.

9 (C) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, 10 the court shall not deny a petition for sealing under 11 this Section because the petitioner has not satisfied 12 an outstanding legal financial obligation established, 13 imposed, or originated by a court, law enforcement 14 agency, or a municipal, State, county, or other unit of 15 local government, including, but not limited to, any 16 cost, assessment, fine, or fee. An outstanding legal 17 financial obligation does not include any court ordered restitution to a victim under Section 5-5-6 of 18 19 the Unified Code of Corrections, unless the 20 restitution has been converted to a civil judgment. 21 Nothing in this subparagraph (C) waives, rescinds, or 22 abrogates a legal financial obligation or otherwise 23 eliminates or affects the right of the holder of any 24 financial obligation to pursue collection under 25 applicable federal, State, or local law.

(7) Hearings. If an objection is filed, the court shall

set a date for a hearing and notify the petitioner and all 1 2 parties entitled to notice of the petition of the hearing 3 date at least 30 days prior to the hearing. Prior to the hearing, the State's Attorney shall consult with the 4 5 Department as to the appropriateness of the relief sought 6 in the petition to expunge or seal. At the hearing, the 7 court shall hear evidence on whether the petition should or 8 should not be granted, and shall grant or deny the petition 9 to expunge or seal the records based on the evidence 10 presented at the hearing. The court may consider the 11 following:

12 (A) the strength of the evidence supporting the13 defendant's conviction;

14 (B) the reasons for retention of the conviction15 records by the State;

16 (C) the petitioner's age, criminal record history,
17 and employment history;

(D) the period of time between the petitioner's
arrest on the charge resulting in the conviction and
the filing of the petition under this Section; and

21 (E) the specific adverse consequences the 22 petitioner may be subject to if the petition is denied. 23 Service of order. After entering an order to (8) 24 expunge or seal records, the court must provide copies of 25 the order to the Department, in a form and manner 26 prescribed by the Department, to the petitioner, to the State's Attorney or prosecutor charged with the duty of prosecuting the offense, to the arresting agency, to the chief legal officer of the unit of local government effecting the arrest, and to such other criminal justice agencies as may be ordered by the court.

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(9) Implementation of order.

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

9 (i) the records shall be expunded (as defined in subsection (a)(1)(E)) by the arresting agency, 10 11 the Department, and any other agency as ordered by 12 the court, within 60 days of the date of service of the order, unless a motion to vacate, modify, or 13 14 reconsider the order is filed pursuant to 15 paragraph (12) of subsection (d) of this Section;

16 (ii) the records of the circuit court clerk 17 shall be impounded until further order of the court 18 upon good cause shown and the name of the 19 petitioner obliterated on the official index 20 required to be kept by the circuit court clerk under Section 16 of the Clerks of Courts Act, but 21 22 the order shall not affect any index issued by the 23 circuit court clerk before the entry of the order; 24 and

(iii) in response to an inquiry for expundedrecords, 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.

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

6 (i) the records shall be expunged (as defined 7 in subsection (a)(1)(E)) by the arresting agency 8 and any other agency as ordered by the court, 9 within 60 days of the date of service of the order, 10 unless a motion to vacate, modify, or reconsider 11 the order is filed pursuant to paragraph (12) of 12 subsection (d) of this Section;

13 (ii) the records of the circuit court clerk 14 shall be impounded until further order of the court 15 upon good cause shown and the name of the 16 petitioner obliterated on the official index 17 required to be kept by the circuit court clerk under Section 16 of the Clerks of Courts Act, but 18 19 the order shall not affect any index issued by the 20 circuit court clerk before the entry of the order;

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

(iv) records impounded by the Department may 1 2 be disseminated by the Department only as required 3 by law or to the arresting authority, the State's Attorney, and the court upon a later arrest for the 4 5 same or a similar offense or for the purpose of 6 sentencing for any subsequent felony, and to the 7 Department of Corrections upon conviction for any offense; and 8

9 (v) in response to an inquiry for such records 10 from anyone not authorized by law to access such 11 records, the court, the Department, or the agency 12 receiving such inquiry shall reply as it does in 13 response to inquiries when no records ever 14 existed.

15 (B-5) Upon entry of an order to expunge records
16 under subsection (e-6):

(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,
unless a motion to vacate, modify, or reconsider
the order is filed under paragraph (12) of
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;

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

12 (iv) records impounded by the Department may 13 be disseminated by the Department only as required 14 by law or to the arresting authority, the State's 15 Attorney, and the court upon a later arrest for the 16 same or a similar offense or for the purpose of 17 sentencing for any subsequent felony, and to the Department of Corrections upon conviction for any 18 19 offense; and

20 (v) in response to an inquiry for these records 21 from anyone not authorized by law to access the 22 records, the court, the Department, or the agency 23 receiving the inquiry shall reply as it does in 24 response to inquiries when no records ever 25 existed.

(C) Upon entry of an order to seal records under

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subsection (c), the arresting agency, any other agency 1 2 as ordered by the court, the Department, and the court 3 shall seal the records (as defined in subsection (a) (1) (K)). In response to an inquiry for such records, 4 5 from anyone not authorized by law to access such 6 records, the court, the Department, or the agency 7 receiving such inquiry shall reply as it does in 8 response to inquiries when no records ever existed.

9 (D) The Department shall send written notice to the 10 petitioner of its compliance with each order to expunge 11 or seal records within 60 days of the date of service 12 of that order or, if a motion to vacate, modify, or 13 reconsider is filed, within 60 days of service of the 14 order resolving the motion, if that order requires the 15 Department to expunge or seal records. In the event of 16 an appeal from the circuit court order, the Department 17 shall send written notice to the petitioner of its compliance with an Appellate Court or Supreme Court 18 19 judgment to expunge or seal records within 60 days of the issuance of the court's mandate. The notice is not 20 21 required while any motion to vacate, modify, or 22 reconsider, petition or any appeal or for 23 discretionary appellate review, is pending.

24 (E) Upon motion, the court may order that a sealed 25 judgment or other court record necessary to 26 demonstrate the amount of any legal financial

obligation due and owing be made available for the 1 2 limited purpose of collecting any legal financial 3 obligations owed by the petitioner that were established, imposed, or originated in the criminal 4 5 proceeding for which those records have been sealed. The records made available under this subparagraph (E) 6 7 shall not be entered into the official index required 8 to be kept by the circuit court clerk under Section 16 9 of the Clerks of Courts Act and shall be immediately 10 re-impounded upon the collection of the outstanding 11 financial obligations.

12 (F) Notwithstanding any other provision of this 13 Section, a circuit court clerk may access a sealed 14 record for the limited purpose of collecting payment 15 for any legal financial obligations that were 16 established, imposed, or originated in the criminal 17 proceedings for which those records have been sealed.

18 (10) Fees. The Department may charge the petitioner a 19 fee equivalent to the cost of processing any order to 20 expunge or seal records. Notwithstanding any provision of 21 the Clerks of Courts Act to the contrary, the circuit court 22 clerk may charge a fee equivalent to the cost associated 23 with the sealing or expungement of records by the circuit 24 court clerk. From the total filing fee collected for the 25 petition to seal or expunge, the circuit court clerk shall 26 deposit \$10 into the Circuit Court Clerk Operation and

Administrative Fund, to be used to offset the costs 1 2 incurred by the circuit court clerk in performing the 3 additional duties required to serve the petition to seal or expunge on all parties. The circuit court clerk shall 4 5 collect and forward the Department of State Police portion 6 of the fee to the Department and it shall be deposited in 7 the State Police Services Fund. If the record brought under 8 an expungement petition was previously sealed under this 9 Section, the fee for the expungement petition for that same 10 record shall be waived.

(11) (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.

16 (12) Motion to Vacate, Modify, or Reconsider. Under 17 Section 2-1203 of the Code of Civil Procedure, the 18 petitioner or any party entitled to notice may file a 19 motion to vacate, modify, or reconsider the order granting 20 or denying the petition to expunge or seal within 60 days of service of the order. If filed more than 60 days after 21 22 service of the order, a petition to vacate, modify, or 23 reconsider shall comply with subsection (c) of Section 24 2-1401 of the Code of Civil Procedure. Upon filing of a 25 motion to vacate, modify, or reconsider, notice of the 26 motion shall be served upon the petitioner and all parties

1 entitled to notice of the petition.

2 (13) Effect of Order. An order granting a petition 3 under the expungement or sealing provisions of this Section shall not be considered void because it fails to comply 4 5 with the provisions of this Section or because of any error asserted in a motion to vacate, modify, or reconsider. The 6 7 circuit court retains jurisdiction to determine whether 8 the order is voidable and to vacate, modify, or reconsider 9 its terms based on a motion filed under paragraph (12) of 10 this subsection (d).

11 (14) Compliance with Order Granting Petition to Seal 12 Records. Unless a court has entered a stay of an order granting a petition to seal, all parties entitled to notice 13 14 of the petition must fully comply with the terms of the 15 order within 60 days of service of the order even if a 16 party is seeking relief from the order through a motion 17 filed under paragraph (12) of this subsection (d) or is 18 appealing the order.

19 (15) Compliance with Order Granting Petition to 20 Expunge Records. While a party is seeking relief from the 21 order granting the petition to expunge through a motion 22 filed under paragraph (12) of this subsection (d) or is 23 appealing the order, and unless a court has entered a stay 24 of that order, the parties entitled to notice of the 25 petition must seal, but need not expunge, the records until 26 there is a final order on the motion for relief or, in the

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case of an appeal, the issuance of that court's mandate.

(16) The changes to this subsection (d) made by Public
Act 98-163 apply to all petitions pending on August 5, 2013
(the effective date of Public Act 98-163) and to all orders
ruling on a petition to expunge or seal on or after August
5, 2013 (the effective date of Public Act 98-163).

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

later arrest for the same or similar offense or for the purpose of sentencing for any subsequent felony. Upon conviction for any subsequent offense, the Department of Corrections shall have access to all sealed records of the Department pertaining to that individual. Upon entry of the order of expungement, the circuit court clerk shall promptly mail a copy of the order to the person who was pardoned.

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

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

12 (e-6) Whenever a person who has been convicted of an 13 offense is granted a certificate of eligibility for expungement 14 by the Prisoner Review Board which specifically authorizes 15 expungement, he or she may, upon verified petition to the Chief 16 Judge of the circuit where the person had been convicted, any 17 judge of the circuit designated by the Chief Judge, or in counties of less than 3,000,000 inhabitants, the presiding 18 trial judge at the petitioner's trial, have a court order 19 20 entered expunging the record of arrest from the official records of the arresting authority and order that the records 21 22 of the circuit court clerk and the Department be sealed until 23 further order of the court upon good cause shown or as otherwise provided herein, and the name of the petitioner 24 25 obliterated from the official index requested to be kept by the circuit court clerk under Section 16 of the Clerks of Courts 26

Act in connection with the arrest and conviction for the 1 2 offense for which he or she had been granted the certificate 3 but the order shall not affect any index issued by the circuit court clerk before the entry of the order. All records sealed 4 5 by the Department may be disseminated by the Department only as required by this Act or to the arresting authority, a law 6 7 enforcement agency, the State's Attorney, and the court upon a later arrest for the same or similar offense or for the purpose 8 9 of sentencing for any subsequent felony. Upon conviction for 10 any subsequent offense, the Department of Corrections shall 11 have access to all expunged records of the Department 12 pertaining to that individual. Upon entry of the order of 13 expundement, the circuit court clerk shall promptly mail a copy 14 of the order to the person who was granted the certificate of 15 eligibility for expungement.

16 (f) Subject to available funding, the Illinois Department 17 of Corrections shall conduct a study of the impact of sealing, especially on employment and recidivism rates, utilizing a 18 random sample of those who apply for the sealing of their 19 20 criminal records under Public Act 93-211. At the request of the Illinois Department of Corrections, records of the Illinois 21 22 Department of Employment Security shall be utilized as 23 appropriate to assist in the study. The study shall not 24 disclose anv data in а manner that would allow the 25 identification of any particular individual or employing unit. The study shall be made available to the General Assembly no 26

1 later than September 1, 2010.

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(g) Immediate Sealing.

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

8 (2) Eligible Records. Arrests or charges not initiated 9 by arrest resulting in acquittal or dismissal with 10 prejudice, except as excluded by subsection (a)(3)(B), 11 that occur on or after January 1, 2018 (the effective date 12 of Public Act 100-282), may be sealed immediately if the petition is filed with the circuit court clerk on the same 13 14 day and during the same hearing in which the case is 15 disposed.

16 (3) When Records are Eligible to be Immediately Sealed.
17 Eligible records under paragraph (2) of this subsection (g)
18 may be sealed immediately after entry of the final
19 disposition of a case, notwithstanding the disposition of
20 other charges in the same case.

(4) Notice of Eligibility for Immediate Sealing. Upon entry of a disposition for an eligible record under this subsection (g), the defendant shall be informed by the court of his or her right to have eligible records immediately sealed and the procedure for the immediate sealing of these records. - 36 - LRB101 03981 SLF 48989 b

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(5) Procedure. The following procedures apply to immediate sealing under this subsection (g).

3 (A) Filing the Petition. Upon entry of the final disposition of the case, the defendant's attorney may 4 5 immediately petition the court, on behalf of the defendant, for immediate sealing of eligible records 6 7 under paragraph (2) of this subsection (g) that are entered on or after January 1, 2018 (the effective date 8 9 of Public Act 100-282). The immediate sealing petition 10 may be filed with the circuit court clerk during the 11 hearing in which the final disposition of the case is 12 entered. If the defendant's attorney does not file the 13 petition for immediate sealing during the hearing, the 14 defendant may file a petition for sealing at any time 15 as authorized under subsection (c)(3)(A).

16 (B) Contents of Petition. The immediate sealing 17 petition shall be verified and shall contain the 18 petitioner's name, date of birth, current address, and 19 for each eligible record, the case number, the date of 20 arrest if applicable, the identity of the arresting 21 authority if applicable, and other information as the 22 court may require.

(C) Drug Test. The petitioner shall not be required to attach proof that he or she has passed a drug test.

(D) Service of Petition. A copy of the petition
 shall be served on the State's Attorney in open court.

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The petitioner shall not be required to serve a copy of the petition on any other agency.

(E) Entry of Order. The presiding trial judge shall enter an order granting or denying the petition for immediate sealing during the hearing in which it is filed. Petitions for immediate sealing shall be ruled on in the same hearing in which the final disposition of the case is entered.

9 (F) Hearings. The court shall hear the petition for 10 immediate sealing on the same day and during the same 11 hearing in which the disposition is rendered.

12 (G) Service of Order. An order to immediately seal
13 eligible records shall be served in conformance with
14 subsection (d) (8).

(H) Implementation of Order. An order to immediately seal records shall be implemented in conformance with subsections (d) (9) (C) and (d) (9) (D).

(I) Fees. The fee imposed by the circuit court
clerk and the Department of State Police shall comply
with paragraph (1) of subsection (d) of this Section.

(J) Final Order. No court order issued under this
subsection (g) shall become final for purposes of
appeal until 30 days after service of the order on the
petitioner and all parties entitled to service of the
order in conformance with subsection (d) (8).

(K) Motion to Vacate, Modify, or Reconsider. Under

Section 2-1203 of the Code of Civil Procedure, the 1 petitioner, State's Attorney, or the Department of 2 3 State Police may file a motion to vacate, modify, or reconsider the order denying the 4 petition to 5 immediately seal within 60 days of service of the order. If filed more than 60 days after service of the 6 order, a petition to vacate, modify, or reconsider 7 shall comply with subsection (c) of Section 2-1401 of 8 the Code of Civil Procedure. 9

10 (L) Effect of Order. An order granting an immediate 11 sealing petition shall not be considered void because 12 it fails to comply with the provisions of this Section or because of an error asserted in a motion to vacate, 13 14 modify, or reconsider. The circuit court retains 15 jurisdiction to determine whether the order is 16 voidable, and to vacate, modify, or reconsider its terms based on a motion filed under subparagraph (L) of 17 18 this subsection (q).

19 (M) Compliance with Order Granting Petition to 20 Seal Records. Unless a court has entered a stay of an 21 order granting a petition to immediately seal, all 22 parties entitled to service of the order must fully 23 comply with the terms of the order within 60 days of 24 service of the order.

25 (h) Sealing; trafficking victims.

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(1) A trafficking victim as defined by paragraph (10)

of subsection (a) of Section 10-9 of the Criminal Code of 1 2 2012 shall be eligible to petition for immediate sealing of 3 his or her criminal record upon the completion of his or her last sentence if his or her participation in the 4 5 underlying offense was a direct result of human trafficking under Section 10-9 of the Criminal Code of 2012 or a severe 6 7 form of trafficking under the federal Trafficking Victims Protection Act. 8

9 (2) A petitioner under this subsection (h), in addition 10 to the requirements provided under paragraph (4) of 11 subsection (d) of this Section, shall include in his or her petition a clear and concise statement that: (A) he or she 12 13 was a victim of human trafficking at the time of the 14 offense; and (B) that his or her participation in the 15 offense was a direct result of human trafficking under 16 Section 10-9 of the Criminal Code of 2012 or a severe form of trafficking under the federal Trafficking Victims 17 Protection Act. 18

19 If an objection is filed alleging that the (3) 20 petitioner is not entitled to immediate sealing under this 21 subsection (h), the court shall conduct a hearing under 22 paragraph (7) of subsection (d) of this Section and the 23 court shall determine whether the petitioner is entitled to 24 immediate sealing under this subsection (h). A petitioner 25 is eligible for immediate relief under this subsection (h) 26 if he or she shows, by a preponderance of the evidence,

that: (A) he or she was a victim of human trafficking at the time of the offense; and (B) that his or her participation in the offense was a direct result of human trafficking under Section 10-9 of the Criminal Code of 2012 or a severe form of trafficking under the federal Trafficking Victims Protection Act.

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9 99-881, eff. 1-1-17; 100-201, eff. 8-18-17; 100-282, eff.
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11 eff. 8-3-18; 100-759, eff. 1-1-19; 100-776, eff. 8-10-18;
12 100-863, eff. 8-14-18; revised 8-30-18.)