

1 providing for construction; reenacting s.
2 790.065(2)(c), F.S., relating to sale and
3 delivery of firearms, s. 943.0585, F.S.,
4 relating to court-ordered expunction of
5 criminal history records, and s. 943.059, F.S.,
6 relating to court-ordered sealing of criminal
7 history records, to incorporate said amendment
8 in references; repealing Rules 3.131 and 3.132,
9 Florida Rules of Criminal Procedure, relating
10 to pretrial release and pretrial detention, to
11 the extent of inconsistency with the act;
12 amending s. 903.31, F.S.; providing for
13 cancellation of bond under certain
14 circumstances; providing an effective date.

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16 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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18 Section 1. This act may be cited as the "Trooper
19 Robert Smith Act."

20 Section 2. Section 907.041, Florida Statutes, is
21 amended to read:

22 907.041 Pretrial detention and release.--

23 (1) LEGISLATIVE INTENT.--It is the policy of this
24 state that persons committing serious criminal offenses,
25 posing a threat to the safety of the community or the
26 integrity of the judicial process, or failing to appear at
27 trial be detained upon arrest. However, persons found to meet
28 specified criteria shall be released under certain conditions
29 until proceedings are concluded and adjudication has been
30 determined. The Legislature finds that this policy of pretrial
31 detention and release will assure the detention of those

1 persons posing a threat to society while reducing the costs
2 for incarceration by releasing, until trial, those persons not
3 considered a danger to the community who meet certain
4 criteria. It is the intent of the Legislature that the
5 primary consideration be the protection of the community from
6 risk of physical harm to persons.

7 (2) RULES OF PROCEDURE.--Procedures for pretrial
8 release determinations shall be governed by rules adopted by
9 the Supreme Court.

10 (3) RELEASE ON NONMONETARY CONDITIONS.--It is the
11 intent of the Legislature to create a presumption in favor of
12 release on nonmonetary conditions for any person who is
13 granted pretrial release. Such person shall be released on
14 monetary conditions only if it is determined that such
15 monetary conditions are necessary to assure the presence of
16 the person at trial or at other proceedings, to protect the
17 community from risk of physical harm to persons, to assure the
18 presence of the accused at trial, or to assure the integrity
19 of the judicial process.

20 (4) PRETRIAL DETENTION.--

21 (a) As used in this subsection, "dangerous crime"
22 means any of the following:

- 23 1. Arson;
- 24 2. Aggravated assault;
- 25 3. Aggravated battery;
- 26 4. Illegal use of explosives;
- 27 5. Child abuse or aggravated child abuse;
- 28 6. Abuse of an elderly person or disabled adult, or
29 aggravated abuse of an elderly person or disabled adult;
- 30 7. Hijacking;
- 31 8. Kidnapping;

- 1 9. Homicide;
2 10. Manslaughter;
3 11. Sexual battery;
4 12. Robbery;
5 13. Carjacking;
6 14. Lewd, lascivious, or indecent assault or act upon
7 or in presence of a child under the age of 16 years;
8 15. Sexual activity with a child, who is 12 years of
9 age or older but less than 18 years of age, by or at
10 solicitation of person in familial or custodial authority;
11 16. Burglary of a dwelling;
12 17. Stalking and aggravated stalking;
13 18. Act of domestic violence as defined in s. 741.28;
14 and
15 19. Attempting or conspiring to commit any such crime;
16 and home-invasion robbery.
17 (b) The court may order pretrial detention if it finds
18 a substantial probability, based on a defendant's past and
19 present patterns of behavior, the criteria in s. 903.046, and
20 any other relevant facts, that any of the following
21 circumstances exist:
22 1. The defendant has previously violated conditions of
23 release and that no further conditions of release are
24 reasonably likely to assure the defendant's appearance at
25 subsequent proceedings;
26 2. The defendant, with the intent to obstruct the
27 judicial process, has threatened, intimidated, or injured any
28 victim, potential witness, juror, or judicial officer, or has
29 attempted or conspired to do so, and that no condition of
30 release will reasonably prevent the obstruction of the
31 judicial process;

1 3. The defendant is charged with trafficking in
2 controlled substances as defined by s. 893.135, that there is
3 a substantial probability that the defendant has committed the
4 offense, and that no conditions of release will reasonably
5 assure the defendant's appearance at subsequent criminal
6 proceedings; ~~or~~

7 4. The defendant is charged with DUI manslaughter, as
8 defined by s. 316.193, and that there is a substantial
9 probability that the defendant committed the crime and that
10 the defendant poses a threat of harm to the community;
11 conditions that would support a finding by the court pursuant
12 to this subparagraph that the defendant poses a threat of harm
13 to the community include, but are not limited to, any of the
14 following:

15 a. The defendant has previously been convicted of any
16 crime under s. 316.193, or of any crime in any other state or
17 territory of the United States that is substantially similar
18 to any crime under s. 316.193;

19 b. The defendant was driving with a suspended driver's
20 license when the charged crime was committed; or

21 c. The defendant has previously been found guilty of,
22 or has had adjudication of guilt withheld for, driving while
23 the defendant's driver's license was suspended or revoked in
24 violation of s. 322.34;

25 ~~5.4.~~ The defendant poses the threat of harm to the
26 community. The court may so conclude if it finds that the
27 defendant is presently charged with a dangerous crime, that
28 there is a substantial probability that the defendant
29 committed such crime, that the factual circumstances of the
30 crime indicate a disregard for the safety of the community,
31 and that there are no conditions of release reasonably

1 sufficient to protect the community from the risk of physical
2 harm to persons. ~~In addition, the court must find that at~~
3 ~~least one of the following conditions is present:~~
4 ~~a. The defendant has previously been convicted of a~~
5 ~~crime punishable by death or life imprisonment.~~
6 ~~b. The defendant has been convicted of a dangerous~~
7 ~~crime within the 10 years immediately preceding the date of~~
8 ~~his or her arrest for the crime presently charged.~~
9 ~~6.c.~~ The defendant was ~~is~~ on probation, parole, or
10 other release pending completion of sentence or on pretrial
11 release for a dangerous crime at the time ~~of~~ the current
12 offense was committed; or arrest.
13 7. The defendant has violated one or more conditions
14 of pretrial release or bond for the offense currently before
15 the court and the violation, in the discretion of the court,
16 supports a finding that no conditions of release can
17 reasonably protect the community from risk of physical harm to
18 persons or assure the presence of the accused at trial.
19 (c) When a person charged with a crime for which
20 pretrial detention could be ordered is arrested, the arresting
21 agency shall promptly notify the state attorney of the arrest
22 and shall provide the state attorney with such information as
23 the arresting agency has obtained relative to:
24 1. The nature and circumstances of the offense
25 charged;
26 2. The nature of any physical evidence seized and the
27 contents of any statements obtained from the defendant or any
28 witness;
29 3. The defendant's family ties, residence, employment,
30 financial condition, and mental condition; and
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1 4. The defendant's past conduct and present conduct,
2 including any record of convictions, previous flight to avoid
3 prosecution, or failure to appear at court proceedings.

4 (d) When a person charged with a crime for which
5 pretrial detention could be ordered is arrested, the arresting
6 agency may detain such defendant, prior to the filing by the
7 state attorney of a motion seeking pretrial detention, for a
8 period not to exceed 24 hours.

9 (e) ~~The court shall order detention only after a~~
10 ~~pretrial detention hearing.~~ The pretrial detention hearing
11 shall be held within 5 days of the filing by the state
12 attorney of a complaint to seek pretrial detention. The
13 defendant may request a continuance. No continuance shall be
14 for longer than 5 days unless there are extenuating
15 circumstances. The defendant may be detained pending the
16 hearing. The state attorney shall be entitled to one
17 continuance for good cause.

18 (f) The state attorney has the burden of showing the
19 need for pretrial detention.

20 (g) The defendant is entitled to be represented by
21 counsel, to present witnesses and evidence, and to
22 cross-examine witnesses. The court may admit relevant
23 evidence without complying with the rules of evidence, but
24 evidence secured in violation of the United States
25 Constitution or the Constitution of the State of Florida shall
26 not be admissible. No testimony by the defendant shall be
27 admissible to prove guilt at any other judicial proceeding,
28 but such testimony may be admitted in an action for perjury,
29 based upon the defendant's statements made at the pretrial
30 detention hearing, or for impeachment.

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1 (h) The pretrial detention order of the court shall be
2 based solely upon evidence produced at the hearing and shall
3 contain findings of fact and conclusions of law to support it.
4 The order shall be made either in writing or orally on the
5 record. The court shall render its findings within 24 hours of
6 the pretrial detention hearing.

7 ~~(i) If ordered detained pending trial pursuant to~~
8 ~~subparagraph (b)4., the defendant may not be held for more~~
9 ~~than 90 days. Failure of the state to bring the defendant to~~
10 ~~trial within that time shall result in the defendant's release~~
11 ~~from detention, subject to any conditions of release, unless~~
12 ~~the trial delay was requested or caused by the defendant or~~
13 ~~his or her counsel.~~

14 (i)(j) A defendant convicted at trial following the
15 issuance of a pretrial detention order shall have credited to
16 his or her sentence, if imprisonment is imposed, the time the
17 defendant was held under the order, pursuant to s. 921.161.

18 (j)(k) The defendant shall be entitled to dissolution
19 of the pretrial detention order whenever the court finds that
20 a subsequent event has eliminated the basis for detention.

21 (k) Nothing in this section shall be construed to
22 require the filing of a motion for pretrial detention as a
23 condition precedent to detaining the defendant if the
24 defendant is brought before the court for a bail hearing.
25 Notwithstanding paragraph (e), the state may orally move for
26 pretrial detention any time a defendant is before the court
27 for a bail hearing.

28 Section 3. For the purpose of incorporating the
29 amendment to section 907.041, Florida Statutes, in references
30 thereto, the following sections or subdivisions of Florida
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1 Statutes, or Florida Statutes, 1998 Supplement, are reenacted
2 to read:

3 790.065 Sale and delivery of firearms.--

4 (2) Upon receipt of a request for a criminal history
5 record check, the Department of Law Enforcement shall, during
6 the licensee's call or by return call, forthwith:

7 (c)1. Review any records available to it to determine
8 whether the potential buyer or transferee has been indicted or
9 has had an information filed against her or him for an offense
10 that is a felony under either state or federal law, or, as
11 mandated by federal law, has had an injunction for protection
12 against domestic violence entered against the potential buyer
13 or transferee under s. 741.30, has had an injunction for
14 protection against repeat violence entered against the
15 potential buyer or transferee under s. 784.046, or has been
16 arrested for a dangerous crime as specified in s.

17 907.041(4)(a) or for any of the following enumerated offenses:

- 18 a. Criminal anarchy under ss. 876.01 and 876.02.
19 b. Extortion under s. 836.05.
20 c. Explosives violations under s. 552.22(1) and (2).
21 d. Controlled substances violations under chapter 893.
22 e. Resisting an officer with violence under s. 843.01.
23 f. Weapons and firearms violations under this chapter.
24 g. Treason under s. 876.32.
25 h. Assisting self-murder under s. 782.08.
26 i. Sabotage under s. 876.38.
27 j. Stalking or aggravated stalking under s. 784.048.

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29 If the review indicates any such indictment, information, or
30 arrest, the department shall provide to the licensee a
31 conditional nonapproval number.

1 2. Within 24 working hours, the department shall
2 determine the disposition of the indictment, information, or
3 arrest and inform the licensee as to whether the potential
4 buyer is prohibited from receiving or possessing a firearm.
5 For purposes of this paragraph, "working hours" means the
6 hours from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, excluding
7 legal holidays.

8 3. The office of the clerk of court, at no charge to
9 the department, shall respond to any department request for
10 data on the disposition of the indictment, information, or
11 arrest as soon as possible, but in no event later than 8
12 working hours.

13 4. The department shall determine as quickly as
14 possible within the allotted time period whether the potential
15 buyer is prohibited from receiving or possessing a firearm.

16 5. If the potential buyer is not so prohibited, or if
17 the department cannot determine the disposition information
18 within the allotted time period, the department shall provide
19 the licensee with a conditional approval number.

20 6. If the buyer is so prohibited, the conditional
21 nonapproval number shall become a nonapproval number.

22 7. The department shall continue its attempts to
23 obtain the disposition information and may retain a record of
24 all approval numbers granted without sufficient disposition
25 information. If the department later obtains disposition
26 information which indicates:

27 a. That the potential buyer is not prohibited from
28 owning a firearm, it shall treat the record of the transaction
29 in accordance with this section; or

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1 b. That the potential buyer is prohibited from owning
2 a firearm, it shall immediately revoke the conditional
3 approval number and notify local law enforcement.

4 8. During the time that disposition of the indictment,
5 information, or arrest is pending and until the department is
6 notified by the potential buyer that there has been a final
7 disposition of the indictment, information, or arrest, the
8 conditional nonapproval number shall remain in effect.

9 943.0585 Court-ordered expunction of criminal history
10 records.--The courts of this state have jurisdiction over
11 their own procedures, including the maintenance, expunction,
12 and correction of judicial records containing criminal history
13 information to the extent such procedures are not inconsistent
14 with the conditions, responsibilities, and duties established
15 by this section. Any court of competent jurisdiction may
16 order a criminal justice agency to expunge the criminal
17 history record of a minor or an adult who complies with the
18 requirements of this section. The court shall not order a
19 criminal justice agency to expunge a criminal history record
20 until the person seeking to expunge a criminal history record
21 has applied for and received a certificate of eligibility for
22 expunction pursuant to subsection (2). A criminal history
23 record that relates to a violation of chapter 794, s. 800.04,
24 s. 817.034, s. 827.071, chapter 839, s. 893.135, or a
25 violation enumerated in s. 907.041 may not be expunged,
26 without regard to whether adjudication was withheld, if the
27 defendant was found guilty of or pled guilty or nolo
28 contendere to the offense, or if the defendant, as a minor,
29 was found to have committed, or pled guilty or nolo contendere
30 to committing, the offense as a delinquent act. The court may
31 only order expunction of a criminal history record pertaining

1 to one arrest or one incident of alleged criminal activity,
2 except as provided in this section. The court may, at its sole
3 discretion, order the expunction of a criminal history record
4 pertaining to more than one arrest if the additional arrests
5 directly relate to the original arrest. If the court intends
6 to order the expunction of records pertaining to such
7 additional arrests, such intent must be specified in the
8 order. A criminal justice agency may not expunge any record
9 pertaining to such additional arrests if the order to expunge
10 does not articulate the intention of the court to expunge a
11 record pertaining to more than one arrest. This section does
12 not prevent the court from ordering the expunction of only a
13 portion of a criminal history record pertaining to one arrest
14 or one incident of alleged criminal activity. Notwithstanding
15 any law to the contrary, a criminal justice agency may comply
16 with laws, court orders, and official requests of other
17 jurisdictions relating to expunction, correction, or
18 confidential handling of criminal history records or
19 information derived therefrom. This section does not confer
20 any right to the expunction of any criminal history record,
21 and any request for expunction of a criminal history record
22 may be denied at the sole discretion of the court.

23 (1) PETITION TO EXPUNGE A CRIMINAL HISTORY
24 RECORD.--Each petition to a court to expunge a criminal
25 history record is complete only when accompanied by:

26 (a) A certificate of eligibility for expunction issued
27 by the department pursuant to subsection (2).

28 (b) The petitioner's sworn statement attesting that
29 the petitioner:

30 1. Has never previously been adjudicated guilty of a
31 criminal offense or comparable ordinance violation or

1 adjudicated delinquent for committing a felony or a
2 misdemeanor specified in s. 943.051(3)(b).

3 2. Has not been adjudicated guilty of, or adjudicated
4 delinquent for committing, any of the acts stemming from the
5 arrest or alleged criminal activity to which the petition
6 pertains.

7 3. Has never secured a prior sealing or expunction of
8 a criminal history record under this section, former s.
9 893.14, former s. 901.33, or former s. 943.058, or from any
10 jurisdiction outside the state.

11 4. Is eligible for such an expunction to the best of
12 his or her knowledge or belief and does not have any other
13 petition to expunge or any petition to seal pending before any
14 court.

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16 Any person who knowingly provides false information on such
17 sworn statement to the court commits a felony of the third
18 degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or
19 s. 775.084.

20 (2) CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY FOR EXPUNCTION.--Prior
21 to petitioning the court to expunge a criminal history record,
22 a person seeking to expunge a criminal history record shall
23 apply to the department for a certificate of eligibility for
24 expunction. The department shall, by rule adopted pursuant to
25 chapter 120, establish procedures pertaining to the
26 application for and issuance of certificates of eligibility
27 for expunction. The department shall issue a certificate of
28 eligibility for expunction to a person who is the subject of a
29 criminal history record if that person:

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1 (a) Has obtained, and submitted to the department, a
2 written, certified statement from the appropriate state
3 attorney or statewide prosecutor which indicates:

4 1. That an indictment, information, or other charging
5 document was not filed or issued in the case.

6 2. That an indictment, information, or other charging
7 document, if filed or issued in the case, was dismissed or
8 nolle prosequi by the state attorney or statewide prosecutor,
9 or was dismissed by a court of competent jurisdiction.

10 3. That the criminal history record does not relate to
11 a violation of chapter 794, s. 800.04, s. 817.034, s. 827.071,
12 chapter 839, s. 893.135, or a violation enumerated in s.
13 907.041, where the defendant was found guilty of, or pled
14 guilty or nolo contendere to any such offense, or that the
15 defendant, as a minor, was found to have committed, or pled
16 guilty or nolo contendere to committing, such an offense as a
17 delinquent act, without regard to whether adjudication was
18 withheld.

19 (b) Remits a \$75 processing fee to the department for
20 placement in the Department of Law Enforcement Operating Trust
21 Fund, unless such fee is waived by the executive director.

22 (c) Has submitted to the department a certified copy
23 of the disposition of the charge to which the petition to
24 expunge pertains.

25 (d) Has never previously been adjudicated guilty of a
26 criminal offense or comparable ordinance violation or
27 adjudicated delinquent for committing a felony or a
28 misdemeanor specified in s. 943.051(3)(b).

29 (e) Has not been adjudicated guilty of, or adjudicated
30 delinquent for committing, any of the acts stemming from the
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1 arrest or alleged criminal activity to which the petition to
2 expunge pertains.

3 (f) Has never secured a prior sealing or expunction of
4 a criminal history record under this section, former s.
5 893.14, former s. 901.33, or former s. 943.058.

6 (g) Is no longer under court supervision applicable to
7 the disposition of the arrest or alleged criminal activity to
8 which the petition to expunge pertains.

9 (h) Is not required to wait a minimum of 10 years
10 prior to being eligible for an expunction of such records
11 because all charges related to the arrest or criminal activity
12 to which the petition to expunge pertains were dismissed prior
13 to trial, adjudication, or the withholding of adjudication.
14 Otherwise, such criminal history record must be sealed under
15 this section, former s. 893.14, former s. 901.33, or former s.
16 943.058 for at least 10 years before such record is eligible
17 for expunction.

18 (3) PROCESSING OF A PETITION OR ORDER TO EXPUNGE.--

19 (a) In judicial proceedings under this section, a copy
20 of the completed petition to expunge shall be served upon the
21 appropriate state attorney or the statewide prosecutor and
22 upon the arresting agency; however, it is not necessary to
23 make any agency other than the state a party. The appropriate
24 state attorney or the statewide prosecutor and the arresting
25 agency may respond to the court regarding the completed
26 petition to expunge.

27 (b) If relief is granted by the court, the clerk of
28 the court shall certify copies of the order to the appropriate
29 state attorney or the statewide prosecutor and the arresting
30 agency. The arresting agency is responsible for forwarding the
31 order to any other agency to which the arresting agency

1 disseminated the criminal history record information to which
2 the order pertains. The department shall forward the order to
3 expunge to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The clerk of
4 the court shall certify a copy of the order to any other
5 agency which the records of the court reflect has received the
6 criminal history record from the court.

7 (c) For an order to expunge entered by a court prior
8 to July 1, 1992, the department shall notify the appropriate
9 state attorney or statewide prosecutor of an order to expunge
10 which is contrary to law because the person who is the subject
11 of the record has previously been convicted of a crime or
12 comparable ordinance violation or has had a prior criminal
13 history record sealed or expunged. Upon receipt of such
14 notice, the appropriate state attorney or statewide prosecutor
15 shall take action, within 60 days, to correct the record and
16 petition the court to void the order to expunge. The
17 department shall seal the record until such time as the order
18 is voided by the court.

19 (d) On or after July 1, 1992, the department or any
20 other criminal justice agency is not required to act on an
21 order to expunge entered by a court when such order does not
22 comply with the requirements of this section. Upon receipt of
23 such an order, the department must notify the issuing court,
24 the appropriate state attorney or statewide prosecutor, the
25 petitioner or the petitioner's attorney, and the arresting
26 agency of the reason for noncompliance. The appropriate state
27 attorney or statewide prosecutor shall take action within 60
28 days to correct the record and petition the court to void the
29 order. No cause of action, including contempt of court, shall
30 arise against any criminal justice agency for failure to
31 comply with an order to expunge when the petitioner for such

1 order failed to obtain the certificate of eligibility as
2 required by this section or such order does not otherwise
3 comply with the requirements of this section.

4 (4) EFFECT OF CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD EXPUNCTION.--Any
5 criminal history record of a minor or an adult which is
6 ordered expunged by a court of competent jurisdiction pursuant
7 to this section must be physically destroyed or obliterated by
8 any criminal justice agency having custody of such record;
9 except that any criminal history record in the custody of the
10 department must be retained in all cases. A criminal history
11 record ordered expunged that is retained by the department is
12 confidential and exempt from the provisions of s. 119.07(1)
13 and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution and not
14 available to any person or entity except upon order of a court
15 of competent jurisdiction. A criminal justice agency may
16 retain a notation indicating compliance with an order to
17 expunge.

18 (a) The person who is the subject of a criminal
19 history record that is expunged under this section or under
20 other provisions of law, including former s. 893.14, former s.
21 901.33, and former s. 943.058, may lawfully deny or fail to
22 acknowledge the arrests covered by the expunged record, except
23 when the subject of the record:

- 24 1. Is a candidate for employment with a criminal
25 justice agency;
- 26 2. Is a defendant in a criminal prosecution;
- 27 3. Concurrently or subsequently petitions for relief
28 under this section or s. 943.059;
- 29 4. Is a candidate for admission to The Florida Bar;
- 30 5. Is seeking to be employed or licensed by or to
31 contract with the Department of Children and Family Services

1 or the Department of Juvenile Justice or to be employed or
2 used by such contractor or licensee in a sensitive position
3 having direct contact with children, the developmentally
4 disabled, the aged, or the elderly as provided in s.
5 110.1127(3), s. 393.063(14), s. 394.4572(1), s. 397.451, s.
6 402.302(8), s. 402.313(3), s. 409.175(2)(i), s. 415.102(4), s.
7 415.1075(4), s. 985.407, or chapter 400; or
8 6. Is seeking to be employed or licensed by the Office
9 of Teacher Education, Certification, Staff Development, and
10 Professional Practices of the Department of Education, any
11 district school board, or any local governmental entity that
12 licenses child care facilities.
13 (b) Subject to the exceptions in paragraph (a), a
14 person who has been granted an expunction under this section,
15 former s. 893.14, former s. 901.33, or former s. 943.058 may
16 not be held under any provision of law of this state to commit
17 perjury or to be otherwise liable for giving a false statement
18 by reason of such person's failure to recite or acknowledge an
19 expunged criminal history record.
20 (c) Information relating to the existence of an
21 expunged criminal history record which is provided in
22 accordance with paragraph (a) is confidential and exempt from
23 the provisions of s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the
24 State Constitution, except that the department shall disclose
25 the existence of a criminal history record ordered expunged to
26 the entities set forth in subparagraphs (a)1., 4., 5., and 6.
27 for their respective licensing and employment purposes, and to
28 criminal justice agencies for their respective criminal
29 justice purposes. It is unlawful for any employee of an
30 entity set forth in subparagraph (a)1., subparagraph (a)4.,
31 subparagraph (a)5., or subparagraph (a)6. to disclose

1 information relating to the existence of an expunged criminal
2 history record of a person seeking employment or licensure
3 with such entity or contractor, except to the person to whom
4 the criminal history record relates or to persons having
5 direct responsibility for employment or licensure decisions.
6 Any person who violates this paragraph commits a misdemeanor
7 of the first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or
8 s. 775.083.

9 943.059 Court-ordered sealing of criminal history
10 records.--The courts of this state shall continue to have
11 jurisdiction over their own procedures, including the
12 maintenance, sealing, and correction of judicial records
13 containing criminal history information to the extent such
14 procedures are not inconsistent with the conditions,
15 responsibilities, and duties established by this section. Any
16 court of competent jurisdiction may order a criminal justice
17 agency to seal the criminal history record of a minor or an
18 adult who complies with the requirements of this section. The
19 court shall not order a criminal justice agency to seal a
20 criminal history record until the person seeking to seal a
21 criminal history record has applied for and received a
22 certificate of eligibility for sealing pursuant to subsection
23 (2). A criminal history record that relates to a violation of
24 chapter 794, s. 800.04, s. 817.034, s. 827.071, chapter 839,
25 s. 893.135, or a violation enumerated in s. 907.041 may not be
26 sealed, without regard to whether adjudication was withheld,
27 if the defendant was found guilty of or pled guilty or nolo
28 contendere to the offense, or if the defendant, as a minor,
29 was found to have committed or pled guilty or nolo contendere
30 to committing the offense as a delinquent act. The court may
31 only order sealing of a criminal history record pertaining to

1 one arrest or one incident of alleged criminal activity,
2 except as provided in this section. The court may, at its sole
3 discretion, order the sealing of a criminal history record
4 pertaining to more than one arrest if the additional arrests
5 directly relate to the original arrest. If the court intends
6 to order the sealing of records pertaining to such additional
7 arrests, such intent must be specified in the order. A
8 criminal justice agency may not seal any record pertaining to
9 such additional arrests if the order to seal does not
10 articulate the intention of the court to seal records
11 pertaining to more than one arrest. This section does not
12 prevent the court from ordering the sealing of only a portion
13 of a criminal history record pertaining to one arrest or one
14 incident of alleged criminal activity. Notwithstanding any law
15 to the contrary, a criminal justice agency may comply with
16 laws, court orders, and official requests of other
17 jurisdictions relating to sealing, correction, or confidential
18 handling of criminal history records or information derived
19 therefrom. This section does not confer any right to the
20 sealing of any criminal history record, and any request for
21 sealing a criminal history record may be denied at the sole
22 discretion of the court.

23 (1) PETITION TO SEAL A CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD.--Each
24 petition to a court to seal a criminal history record is
25 complete only when accompanied by:

26 (a) A certificate of eligibility for sealing issued by
27 the department pursuant to subsection (2).

28 (b) The petitioner's sworn statement attesting that
29 the petitioner:

30 1. Has never previously been adjudicated guilty of a
31 criminal offense or comparable ordinance violation or

1 adjudicated delinquent for committing a felony or a
2 misdemeanor specified in s. 943.051(3)(b).

3 2. Has not been adjudicated guilty of or adjudicated
4 delinquent for committing any of the acts stemming from the
5 arrest or alleged criminal activity to which the petition to
6 seal pertains.

7 3. Has never secured a prior sealing or expunction of
8 a criminal history record under this section, former s.
9 893.14, former s. 901.33, former s. 943.058, or from any
10 jurisdiction outside the state.

11 4. Is eligible for such a sealing to the best of his
12 or her knowledge or belief and does not have any other
13 petition to seal or any petition to expunge pending before any
14 court.

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16 Any person who knowingly provides false information on such
17 sworn statement to the court commits a felony of the third
18 degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or
19 s. 775.084.

20 (2) CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY FOR SEALING.--Prior to
21 petitioning the court to seal a criminal history record, a
22 person seeking to seal a criminal history record shall apply
23 to the department for a certificate of eligibility for
24 sealing. The department shall, by rule adopted pursuant to
25 chapter 120, establish procedures pertaining to the
26 application for and issuance of certificates of eligibility
27 for sealing. The department shall issue a certificate of
28 eligibility for sealing to a person who is the subject of a
29 criminal history record provided that such person:

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1 (a) Has submitted to the department a certified copy
2 of the disposition of the charge to which the petition to seal
3 pertains.

4 (b) Remits a \$75 processing fee to the department for
5 placement in the Department of Law Enforcement Operating Trust
6 Fund, unless such fee is waived by the executive director.

7 (c) Has never previously been adjudicated guilty of a
8 criminal offense or comparable ordinance violation or
9 adjudicated delinquent for committing a felony or a
10 misdemeanor specified in s. 943.051(3)(b).

11 (d) Has not been adjudicated guilty of or adjudicated
12 delinquent for committing any of the acts stemming from the
13 arrest or alleged criminal activity to which the petition to
14 seal pertains.

15 (e) Has never secured a prior sealing or expunction of
16 a criminal history record under this section, former s.
17 893.14, former s. 901.33, or former s. 943.058.

18 (f) Is no longer under court supervision applicable to
19 the disposition of the arrest or alleged criminal activity to
20 which the petition to seal pertains.

21 (3) PROCESSING OF A PETITION OR ORDER TO SEAL.--

22 (a) In judicial proceedings under this section, a copy
23 of the completed petition to seal shall be served upon the
24 appropriate state attorney or the statewide prosecutor and
25 upon the arresting agency; however, it is not necessary to
26 make any agency other than the state a party. The appropriate
27 state attorney or the statewide prosecutor and the arresting
28 agency may respond to the court regarding the completed
29 petition to seal.

30 (b) If relief is granted by the court, the clerk of
31 the court shall certify copies of the order to the appropriate

1 state attorney or the statewide prosecutor and to the
2 arresting agency. The arresting agency is responsible for
3 forwarding the order to any other agency to which the
4 arresting agency disseminated the criminal history record
5 information to which the order pertains. The department shall
6 forward the order to seal to the Federal Bureau of
7 Investigation. The clerk of the court shall certify a copy of
8 the order to any other agency which the records of the court
9 reflect has received the criminal history record from the
10 court.

11 (c) For an order to seal entered by a court prior to
12 July 1, 1992, the department shall notify the appropriate
13 state attorney or statewide prosecutor of any order to seal
14 which is contrary to law because the person who is the subject
15 of the record has previously been convicted of a crime or
16 comparable ordinance violation or has had a prior criminal
17 history record sealed or expunged. Upon receipt of such
18 notice, the appropriate state attorney or statewide prosecutor
19 shall take action, within 60 days, to correct the record and
20 petition the court to void the order to seal. The department
21 shall seal the record until such time as the order is voided
22 by the court.

23 (d) On or after July 1, 1992, the department or any
24 other criminal justice agency is not required to act on an
25 order to seal entered by a court when such order does not
26 comply with the requirements of this section. Upon receipt of
27 such an order, the department must notify the issuing court,
28 the appropriate state attorney or statewide prosecutor, the
29 petitioner or the petitioner's attorney, and the arresting
30 agency of the reason for noncompliance. The appropriate state
31 attorney or statewide prosecutor shall take action within 60

1 days to correct the record and petition the court to void the
2 order. No cause of action, including contempt of court, shall
3 arise against any criminal justice agency for failure to
4 comply with an order to seal when the petitioner for such
5 order failed to obtain the certificate of eligibility as
6 required by this section or when such order does not comply
7 with the requirements of this section.

8 (e) An order sealing a criminal history record
9 pursuant to this section does not require that such record be
10 surrendered to the court, and such record shall continue to be
11 maintained by the department and other criminal justice
12 agencies.

13 (4) EFFECT OF CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD SEALING.--A
14 criminal history record of a minor or an adult which is
15 ordered sealed by a court of competent jurisdiction pursuant
16 to this section is confidential and exempt from the provisions
17 of s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution
18 and is available only to the person who is the subject of the
19 record, to the subject's attorney, to criminal justice
20 agencies for their respective criminal justice purposes, or to
21 those entities set forth in subparagraphs (a)1., 4., 5., and
22 6. for their respective licensing and employment purposes.

23 (a) The subject of a criminal history record sealed
24 under this section or under other provisions of law, including
25 former s. 893.14, former s. 901.33, and former s. 943.058, may
26 lawfully deny or fail to acknowledge the arrests covered by
27 the sealed record, except when the subject of the record:

- 28 1. Is a candidate for employment with a criminal
29 justice agency;
30 2. Is a defendant in a criminal prosecution;

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1 3. Concurrently or subsequently petitions for relief
2 under this section or s. 943.0585;

3 4. Is a candidate for admission to The Florida Bar;

4 5. Is seeking to be employed or licensed by or to
5 contract with the Department of Children and Family Services
6 or the Department of Juvenile Justice or to be employed or
7 used by such contractor or licensee in a sensitive position
8 having direct contact with children, the developmentally
9 disabled, the aged, or the elderly as provided in s.

10 110.1127(3), s. 393.063(14), s. 394.4572(1), s. 397.451, s.
11 402.302(8), s. 402.313(3), s. 409.175(2)(i), s. 415.102(4), s.
12 415.103, s. 985.407, or chapter 400; or

13 6. Is seeking to be employed or licensed by the Office
14 of Teacher Education, Certification, Staff Development, and
15 Professional Practices of the Department of Education, any
16 district school board, or any local governmental entity which
17 licenses child care facilities.

18 (b) Subject to the exceptions in paragraph (a), a
19 person who has been granted a sealing under this section,
20 former s. 893.14, former s. 901.33, or former s. 943.058 may
21 not be held under any provision of law of this state to commit
22 perjury or to be otherwise liable for giving a false statement
23 by reason of such person's failure to recite or acknowledge a
24 sealed criminal history record.

25 (c) Information relating to the existence of a sealed
26 criminal record provided in accordance with the provisions of
27 paragraph (a) is confidential and exempt from the provisions
28 of s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State
29 Constitution, except that the department shall disclose the
30 sealed criminal history record to the entities set forth in
31 subparagraphs (a)1., 4., 5., and 6. for their respective

1 licensing and employment purposes. It is unlawful for any
2 employee of an entity set forth in subparagraph (a)1.,
3 subparagraph (a)4., subparagraph (a)5., or subparagraph (a)6.
4 to disclose information relating to the existence of a sealed
5 criminal history record of a person seeking employment or
6 licensure with such entity or contractor, except to the person
7 to whom the criminal history record relates or to persons
8 having direct responsibility for employment or licensure
9 decisions. Any person who violates the provisions of this
10 paragraph commits a misdemeanor of the first degree,
11 punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

12 Section 4. Rules 3.131 and 3.132, Florida Rules of
13 Criminal Procedure, are hereby repealed to the extent that
14 they are inconsistent with this act.

15 Section 5. Section 903.31, Florida Statutes, is
16 amended to read:

17 903.31 Canceling the bond.--

18 (1) Within 10 business days after the conditions of a
19 bond have been satisfied or the forfeiture discharged or
20 remitted, the court shall order the bond canceled and, if the
21 surety has attached a certificate of cancellation to the
22 original bond, shall furnish an executed certificate of
23 cancellation to the surety without cost. An adjudication of
24 guilt or innocence of the defendant shall satisfy the
25 conditions of the bond. The original appearance bond shall
26 not be construed to guarantee deferred sentences, appearance
27 during or after a presentence investigation, appearance during
28 or after appeals, conduct during or appearance after admission
29 to a pretrial intervention program, payment of fines, or
30 attendance at educational or rehabilitation facilities the
31 court otherwise provides in the judgment.

1 (2) In any case where no formal charges have been
2 brought against defendant within 365 days after arrest, the
3 court shall order the bond canceled unless good cause is shown
4 by the state.

5 Section 6. This act shall take effect October 1, 1999,
6 except that section 4 shall take effect only if this act is
7 passed by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the membership
8 of each house of the Legislature.

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