

Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Criminal Justice Subcommittee

Representative Steube offered the following:

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Amendment (with directory and title amendments)

Remove lines 115-127 and insert:

(h) Has previously obtained a court order sealing the record under this section, former s. 893.14, former s. 901.33, or former s. 943.058 for a minimum of 10 years because adjudication was withheld or because all charges related to the arrest or alleged criminal activity to which the petition to expunge pertains were not dismissed prior to trial, without regard to whether the outcome of the trial was other than an adjudication of guilt. The requirement for the record to have previously been sealed for a minimum of 10 years does not apply when a plea was not entered, when or all charges related to the arrest or alleged criminal activity to which the petition to

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- expunge pertains were dismissed prior to trial, or when a judge or jury rendered a verdict of not guilty. The records of a person adjudicated not guilty by reason of insanity are not eligible for expunction under this section.
- EFFECT OF CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD EXPUNCTION. Any criminal history record of a minor or an adult which is ordered expunged by a court of competent jurisdiction pursuant to this section must be physically destroyed or obliterated by any criminal justice agency having custody of such record; except that any criminal history record in the custody of the department must be retained in all cases. A criminal history record ordered expunded that is retained by the department is confidential and exempt from the provisions of s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution and not available to any person or entity except upon order of a court of competent jurisdiction. A criminal justice agency may retain a notation indicating compliance with an order to expunge. If a person is adjudicated not guilty by reason of insanity or is found to be incompetent to stand trial, the expunction of the criminal history record shall not prevent the entry of the judgment or finding in state and national databases for use in determining eligibility to purchase or possess a firearm or to carry a concealed firearm, as authorized at s. 790.065(2)(a)4.c., and 18 U.S.C. s. 922(t), nor shall it prevent any governmental agency that is authorized by state or federal law to determine eligibility to purchase or possess a firearm or to carry a

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concealed firearm from accessing or using the record of the judgment or finding in the course of such agency's official duties.

- (a) The person who is the subject of a criminal history record that is expunged under this section or under other provisions of law, including former s. 893.14, former s. 901.33, and former s. 943.058, may lawfully deny or fail to acknowledge the arrests covered by the expunged record, except when the subject of the record:
- 1. Is a candidate for employment with a criminal justice agency;
 - 2. Is a defendant in a criminal prosecution;
- 3. Concurrently or subsequently petitions for relief under this section, s. 943.0583, or s. 943.059;
 - 4. Is a candidate for admission to The Florida Bar;
- 5. Is seeking to be employed or licensed by or to contract with the Department of Children and Families, the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation within the Department of Education, the Agency for Health Care Administration, the Agency for Persons with Disabilities, the Department of Health, the Department of Elderly Affairs, or the Department of Juvenile Justice or to be employed or used by such contractor or licensee in a sensitive position having direct contact with children, the disabled, or the elderly; or
- 6. Is seeking to be employed or licensed by the Department of Education, any district school board, any university

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laboratory school, any charter school, any private or parochial school, or any local governmental entity that licenses child care facilities.

- (b) Subject to the exceptions in paragraph (a), a person who has been granted an expunction under this section, former s. 893.14, former s. 901.33, or former s. 943.058 may not be held under any provision of law of this state to commit perjury or to be otherwise liable for giving a false statement by reason of such person's failure to recite or acknowledge an expunged criminal history record.
- (c) Information relating to the existence of an expunged criminal history record which is provided in accordance with paragraph (a) is confidential and exempt from the provisions of s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution, except that the department shall disclose the existence of a criminal history record ordered expunged to the entities set forth in subparagraphs (a)1., 4., 5., 6., and 7. for their respective licensing, access authorization, and employment purposes, and to criminal justice agencies for their respective criminal justice purposes, and with respect to any governmental agency that is authorized by state or federal law to determine eligibility to purchase or possess a firearm or to carry a concealed firearm, the department shall disclose the record of an adjudication of not guilty by reason of insanity or a finding of incompetence to stand trial for use in the course of such agency's official duties. It is unlawful for any employee of an

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entity set forth in subparagraph (a)1., subparagraph (a)4., subparagraph (a) 5., subparagraph (a) 6., or subparagraph (a) 7. to disclose information relating to the existence of an expunged criminal history record of a person seeking employment, access authorization, or licensure with such entity or contractor, except to the person to whom the criminal history record relates or to persons having direct responsibility for employment, access authorization, or licensure decisions. Any person who violates this paragraph commits a misdemeanor of the first

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degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

DIRECTORY AMENDMENT

Remove lines 15-17 and insert:

Section 1. Paragraphs (a) and (h) of subsection (2) and subsection (4) of section 943.0585, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

TITLE AMENDMENT

Remove line 7 and insert: criminal history record expunction; revising when a certificate of eligibility for expunction shall be issued; authorizing the

Department of Law Enforcement to enter certain expunged records

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122	in specified databases; requiring the Department of Law
123	Enforcement to disclose certain expunged records to specified
124	governmental entities; requiring a person

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