By Senator Farmer

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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to misdemeanor criminal history record expunction; amending s. 943.0585, F.S.; authorizing a person to lawfully deny or fail to acknowledge certain expunged misdemeanor arrests when applying for specified employment positions or licenses; providing an effective date.

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

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Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subsection (6) of section 943.0585, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

943.0585 Court-ordered expunction of criminal history records.—

- (6) EFFECT OF EXPUNCTION ORDER. -
- (b) 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 ss. 893.14, 901.33, and 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

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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;

- 6. Is seeking to be employed or licensed by the Department of Education, any district school board, any university laboratory school, any charter school, any private or parochial school, or any local governmental entity that licenses child care facilities, except that an expunged misdemeanor violation of chapter 812 may be lawfully denied or may fail to be acknowledged;
- 7. Is seeking to be licensed by the Division of Insurance Agent and Agency Services within the Department of Financial Services; or
- 8. Is seeking to be appointed as a guardian pursuant to s. 744.3125.
 - Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2022.