

Good afternoon-I am sorry I could not respond during the hearing but wanted to make sure you had the correct information. Access to a sealed record is generally not available to anyone other than law enforcement and only to them under limited, defined circumstances.

In summary the effect of expungement is found in Title 13 sec 7607 (b):

First, upon sealing the person is treated in all respects if they had never been arrested, convicted or sentenced for the offense.

Second, in any application for employment . . . a person may be required to answer questions about a previous criminal history record only with respect to arrests or convictions that have not been sealed.

Third, A response from the court to any member of the public regarding a sealed record shall be no record exists.

The only exceptions to the above are found in section (c ) of the statute are related to use by law enforcement under statutory authorization, specifically Title 20 VSA 2056a.

I hope this answers the questions that were asked about the effect of sealing but if there are others, I am glad to provide additional information.

Thank you,  
Judge Grearson