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2 An act relating to qualifying offenses for sealing criminal history records
3 and access to sealed criminal history records

4 The Senate proposes to the House to amend the bill by striking out all after
5 the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

6 Sec. 1. SEALING CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS; JOINT

7 LEGISLATIVE JUSTICE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

8 (a) The Joint Legislative Justice Oversight Committee shall examine the
9 laws of other states regarding the sealing of criminal history records, including:

10 (1) the length of time that must toll before a record is eligible for
11 sealing; and

12 (2) the individuals and entities that have access to sealed records, the
13 purpose of such access, and the length of time such individuals and entities
14 have access to the sealed records.

15 (b) On or before November 15, 2024, based upon the review of other
16 states' procedures for sealed criminal history records, the Committee shall
17 recommend to the General Assembly a proposal for the issues identified in
18 subdivisions (a)(1) and (2) of this section.

19 Sec. 2. PETITIONLESS SEALING

20 On or before December 2, 2024, the Chief Superior Judge, in consultation
21 with the Attorney General, the Department of State's Attorneys and Sheriffs,

1 the Office of the Defender General, and the Department of Corrections, shall
2 examine the laws and procedures of other states regarding petitionless sealing
3 of criminal history records and shall submit to the House and Senate
4 Committees on Judiciary a recommendation to establish a mechanism for
5 petitionless sealing and any resources required for the recommendation to be
6 implemented.

7 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

8 This act shall take effect on passage.

9 And that after passage the title of the bill be amended to read:

10 An act relating to studies of policies and procedures regarding the sealing
11 criminal history records