

## Senate proposal of amendment

### H. 655.

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

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

#### Sec. 1. SEALING CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS; JOINT LEGISLATIVE JUSTICE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

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

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

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

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

#### Sec. 2. PETITIONLESS SEALING

On or before December 2, 2024, the Chief Superior Judge, in consultation with the Attorney General, the Department of State's Attorneys and Sheriffs, the Office of the Defender General, and the Department of Corrections, shall examine the laws and procedures of other states regarding petitionless sealing of criminal history records and shall submit to the House and Senate Committees on Judiciary a recommendation to establish a mechanism for petitionless sealing and any resources required for the recommendation to be implemented.

#### Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on passage.

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

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