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FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 645 (Senator Exum)

Judicial Proceedings

Police and Court Records - Nonviolent Felonies - Expungement

This bill authorizes a person who was convicted of a felony that was not a crime of violence, and who has completed the sentence imposed for that conviction (including probation), to petition for the expungement of the police records, court records, and other records maintained by the State pertaining to the conviction. The bill authorizes such a petition to be filed immediately after the completion of the sentence.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Minimal. While a high volume of petitions could increase the workload for the Judiciary and the Criminal Justice Information System, the requirements of this bill could be accommodated with the existing budgeted resources of these and other affected State agencies.

Local Effect: Minimal. While a high volume of petitions could increase the workload for the Judiciary and the State's Attorney offices, the requirements of this bill could be accommodated with their existing budgeted resources.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: There are eight circumstances under which a person may petition for expungement, including if the person is acquitted or if the person is convicted of only one non-violent crime and is granted a pardon by the Governor. A State's Attorney is allowed to file an objection to such a petition.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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