

THE DALTON DALEY GROUP

Improving the lives of children, families and communities

Dear Delegate,

Thank you so much for your commitment to provide the opportunities for new beginnings through expungement efforts. Such efforts allow our communities to flourish and families the opportunity to expand their economic profiles without the hindrance of forgivable pasts.

The Dalton-Daley Group is a Prince George's County based non-profit organization focused on improving the lives of children, families, and communities. To further our efforts to prevent recidivism, we are assisting individuals with expungement efforts. However, we have noticed significant areas that belie the notion of having one's record expunged including:

1. Mandated public reports to the Governor, Attorney General, and General Assembly
2. Financial/Audit reporting

In the day of the internet, public access to and existence of the information in these types of records nullify the effect of expungement. Currently, such records are easily and publicly accessible through simple internet searches of the expungee's name.

Fortunately, these areas of concern can be easily addressed by making minimal changes to the Criminal Procedures Article, to wit.

- A. In Criminal Procedure Article §§ 1-101, add the definition of "confidential"
- B. In Criminal Procedure Article §§ 10-101(h), modify the definition of "police record"
"Police record" means an official record that a law enforcement unit, booking facility, or the Central Repository maintains about the arrest and detention of, or further proceeding against, a person for:
- C. In Criminal Procedure Article §§ 10-102©(3) modify the scope in paragraph a cash receipt or disbursement record that is necessary for audit purposes;

We are hopeful that as the bills progress in this session, that these amendments could be included in the discussion. It is essential that expunging records have the intended

effect for those availing themselves of the opportunity. It goes beyond the individual benefit but is also a benefit to our families, communities and to our state.

Thank you for taking the time to consider our request. We look forward to a successful session for our constituents and stand ready to provide your office with any assistance that we can in providing more insight on this issue at the appropriate time.

Sincerely,



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