

Proposed Amendments from the Clean Slate Initiative for SB 483

AN ACT concerning

Criminal Procedure – Automated ~~Expungement~~ Shielding (Clean Slate Act of 2026)

FOR the purpose of requiring [the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services and](#) the Judiciary to ~~expunge~~ shield all cases meeting certain criteria on or before a certain date; requiring [the Department](#) and the Judiciary to ~~expunge~~ shield certain newly eligible cases on a monthly basis; and generally relating to shielding ~~expungement~~.

BY repealing and reenacting, ~~without~~ [with](#) amendments,

Article - Criminal Procedure
Section 10-301(a) through (e)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2025 Replacement Volume);

BY adding to,

Article – Criminal Procedure
Section ~~10-112.1~~ 10-303.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2025 Replacement Version)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Criminal Procedure

10–301.

(a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

- (b) “Court record” has the meaning stated in § 10–101 of this title.
- (c) “Criminal justice unit” has the meaning stated in § 10–201 of this title.
- (d) “Police record” has the meaning stated in § 10–101 of this title.
- (e) “Shield” means to render a court record and police record relating to a charge or conviction of a crime inaccessible by members of the public.”

~~10-112.1-10-303.1~~

(STRIKES ENTIRE SECTION AMENDED 10-112.1) AND ADDS:

(A) IN THIS SECTION, “TECHNICALLY ELIGIBLE FOR EXPUNGEMENT” MEANS CASES FOR WHICH ~~THAT~~, BASED ON THE NATURE OF A CHARGE OR CONVICTION UNDER SECTIONS 105(a), 107 OR 110(a), AND WHETHER THE RELEVANT TIME ~~THAT~~ HAS ELAPSED UNDER SECTIONS 105(c) OR 110(c), A PERSON WOULD BE ELIGIBLE TO FILE A PETITION FOR EXPUNGEMENT OF THAT CASE UNDER ~~SUBTITLE 1, OF~~ THIS TITLE.

(B) (1) ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2028, THE JUDICIARY SHALL, IN ACCORDANCE WITH (C)(1)(a) AND (b) OF THIS SECTION, IDENTIFY SHIELD ALL CASES IN WHICH ALL CHARGES IN THE CASE ARE TECHNICALLY ELIGIBLE FOR EXPUNGEMENT AS OF JULY 1, 2028, AND WITHIN 1 MONTH OF IDENTIFYING SUCH CASES, SHIELD ALL SUCH CASES AND SEND ELECTRONIC NOTICE TO THE CENTRAL REPOSITORY OF SUCH CASES.

(2) WITHIN 1 MONTH OF RECEIVING NOTICE OF CASES UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE CENTRAL REPOSITORY SHALL SHIELD ALL SUCH CASES.

(C) (1) BEGINNING AUGUST 1, 2028, THE JUDICIARY SHALL, ONCE PER MONTH, IDENTIFY ALL CASES IN WHICH ALL CHARGES IN THE CASE ARE NEWLY TECHNICALLY ELIGIBLE FOR EXPUNGEMENT, PROVIDED THAT:

(a) THE JUDICIARY SHALL IDENTIFY CASES THAT ARE TECHNICALLY ELIGIBLE FOR EXPUNGEMENT USING ONLY DATA CONTAINED IN ELECTRONIC COURT RECORDS; AND

(b) THE JUDICIARY SHALL DEEM SENTENCES TO HAVE BEEN COMPLETED BASED ON THE IMPOSED SENTENCE LENGTH AND THE DISPOSITION DATE INFORMATION IN ITS POSSESSION

(2) WITHIN 1 MONTH OF IDENTIFYING ~~A~~ CASES UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE JUDICIARY SHALL SHIELD ALL SUCH ~~THE~~ CASES AND SEND ELECTRONIC NOTICE TO THE CENTRAL REPOSITORY OF SUCH CASES.

(3) WITHIN ONE MONTH OF RECEIVING NOTICE OF CASES UNDER PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE CENTRAL REPOSITORY SHALL SHIELD ALL SUCH CASES.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2025.

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