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HB0187: Criminal Procedure - Expungement - No Finding and Case Terminated Without Finding March 3, 2026

Good afternoon, Chair Bartlett and members of the Judiciary Committee.

For the record, I am Delegate Kym Taylor, representing Prince George's County District 23. I am reintroducing HB610 (now HB187) which was voted out of the House last year but did not move in the Senate due to some scope concerns from the Judiciary. During the interim, our Judges have examined the issue, and the bill before you is their final product.

Same as last year, HB187 seeks to correct a problem faced by Maryland Legal Aid and pro-bono attorneys, who work or volunteer their time during expungement clinics. I decided to pursue this legislation while attending an expungement fair in my district. During the fair, I sat down with a couple of attorneys and asked if there were any particular expungement challenges that I could potentially address through legislation.

The attorneys shared with me that, occasionally, a client will show up to an expungement fair in Prince George's County, with qualified expungable offenses, but his or her record reflects a "Case terminated with no finding" or a "No Finding" disposition - neither of which are in statute. So, in these cases, because Maryland's current expungement law outlines specific criteria for removing court records from public access, the attorneys are unable to expunge the client's charges.

HB187 makes a technical correction, eliminates a barrier and allows Maryland's expungement system to work as intended.

With that I urge a favorable report and look forward to questions.