

Bill No.: HB0044 **Effective:** July 1, 2019

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Enrolled Act No.: HEA No. 0017

Chapter No.: 29

Prime Sponsor: Joint Judiciary Interim Committee

Catch Title: **Expungement of juvenile court records.**

Subject: Juvenile Justice

Summary/Major Elements:

- This act clarifies the procedure for filing a petition to expunge a juvenile record by requiring a verified petition, service on the prosecuting attorney and providing a twenty (20) day timeframe for objection to the petition. Absent objection, the court may summarily enter an order of expungement.
- The act also provides that the state or a municipality may file a petition to expunge a juvenile's record. If the court orders expungement on the state's or municipality's petition, the prosecuting attorney shall inform the juvenile of the order and its practical effects.
- The act defines expungement as permanent deletion of all records, including electronic records.
- The act forbids courts, agencies and law enforcement from retaining expunged records, but provides a limited exception for agencies with federal reporting requirements. The act also provides agencies the flexibility to implement procedures to delete backup electronic database records that are not accessible unless restored.

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