



Guide to Illinois Ex-Offender Policy Advocacy Efforts 2003-2004

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Issue	Lead Supporters	Objective(s)	Funding Issues	Updates (as of September 2004)
<i>Juvenile expungement</i>	<p>House Sponsors: Jones, Collins, Howard, Turner, Morrow</p> <p>Senate Sponsors: Collins and Cullerton</p>	<p>HB 4566 would allow eligible juveniles to have their records expunged. Juveniles should be informed by the judge at sentencing and/or dismissal and provided an expungement packet by the Clerk's Office.</p> <p>IDES should inform employers that they may not ask if an applicant had a juvenile record expunged and that application for employment must contain specific language that states that the applicant is not obligated to disclose expunged juvenile records of arrest or conviction.</p>	<p>The first mailing would cost \$295,000-\$325,000 in State funds. Subsequent mailings would cost \$275,000 to \$300,000 (IDES).</p> <p>Fiscal impact of approximately \$901,000 depending on the number of expungement requests. Cost will be lower if fees are waived for indigent individuals (State Police).</p>	<p>On June 18, 2004, the bill was sent to the Governor. On August 12, 2004 this bill was signed by the Governor and become Public Act 93-0912.</p>
<i>Expungement/sealing</i>	<p>Developing Justice Coalition Chicago Coalition for the Homeless</p> <p>Senator Sponsors: Cullerton, Harmon, Hunter, Link, Lightford, Trotter, I. Martinez, Collins, Meeks</p> <p>House Sponsors: Howard, Jones, Colvin, Collins, Giles, Yarbrough, Dunkin, Davis, Hamos, Turner, Kelly, Burke, Graham, Delgado, Soto, McKeon, Feigenholtz</p>	<p>SB 3007 expands on PA 93-211 which passed expanded the definition of sealing for misdemeanors. This bill will allow for expungement and sealing of non-violent misdemeanors and non-violent Class 4 felonies (<i>drug possession, prostitution</i>).</p>	<p>Individuals with a criminal record are responsible for all filing fees and costs associated with legal representation.</p> <p>\$750,000 will be needed for computer upgrades (State Police).</p>	<p>Currently, on hold awaiting a vote by the Senate during the November 2004 Veto Session.</p> <p>Visit www.legis.state.il.us and enter the bill number for more information.</p>

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Employment	<p>House Sponsors: Rep. Connie Howard</p> <p>Senate Sponsors: N/A</p>	<p>HB 3818, Ex-offender Employment Stabilization Act, would establish a grant making program and board through IDES called the Illinois Ex-Offender Employment Stabilization Program) Local governments could apply where there are 10,000 or more residents under correctional supervision.</p>		<p>Did not pass a vote in the Commerce & Business Development Committee and was referred to House Rules Committee on March 4, 2004.</p>
Expungement/sealing	<p>House Sponsors: Howard</p> <p>Senate Sponsors: Cullerton, Obama, Hunter, Jones, Collins</p> <p>Safer Foundation Council of Advisors to Reduce Recidivism Through Employment (CARRE) National Center on Poverty Law Cabrin Green Legal Aid Clinic First Defense Aid Chicago Jobs Council</p>	<p>SB 0788 allows for expungement and sealing of misdemeanors and non-violent convictions. It requires the State Appellate Defender to establish an expungement information program as well.</p>	<p>Individuals with a criminal record are responsible for all filing fees and for any legal representation cost.</p>	<p>SB 0788 was signed on by the Governor on July 18, 2003.</p> <p>Public Act 93-0211</p>

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<p>Occupational bans and licensure issues</p>	<p>House Sponsors: Howard, O'Brien, Rose</p> <p>Senate Sponsors: Obama</p> <p>Chicago Metropolis 2020 Illinois Workforce Investment Board Ex-Offender Employability Committee DePaul Center Council of Advisors to Reduce Recidivism Through Employment (CARRE) Cabrin Green Legal Aid Clinic First Defense Aid Chicago Jobs Council</p>	<p>HB 569 says that a person with a criminal background can now apply for a relief of disabilities and/or a certificate of good conduct. After receiving one of these certificates, the individual cannot be automatically denied licenses for 15 enumerated professions solely due to their record.</p> <p>A certificate of relief from disabilities shall be issued only for a license or certification issued under the following acts:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Animal Act; 2. Illinois Athletic Trainers Practice Act; 3. Barber, Cosmetology, Esthetics, and Nail Technology Act of 1985; 4. Boiler and Pressure Vessel Repairer Regulation Act; 5. Professional Boxing Act ; 6. Illinois Certified Shorthand Reporters Act of 1984; 7. Illinois Farm Labor Contractors Certification Act; 8. Interior Design Title Act; 9. Illinois Professional Land Surveyor Act of 1989; 10. Landscaping Architecture Act of 1989; 11. Marriage and Family Therapy Licensing Act; 12. Private Employment Agency Act; 13. Professional Counselor and Clinical Professional Counselor Licensing Act; 14. Real Estate License Act of 2000 and 15. Illinois Roofing Industry Licensing Act. 		<p>Signed into law July 18, 2003.</p> <p>Public Act 93-0207</p>

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Occupational bans and licensure issues	<p>Senate Sponsors: Lightford, Meeks, Collins, Hunter</p> <p>House Sponsors: Turner, Yarbrough, Colvin, Graham</p>	<p>SB 948 would expand PA 93-0207 to provide a certificate of relief from disabilities for licensure or certification under 5 more Acts:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Home Medical Equipment and Service Provider License Act; 2. Dietetic and Nutrition Service Practice Act; 3. Professional Engineering Practice Act; 4. Water Well and Pump Installation Contractor's License Act; and 5. Electrologist Licensing Act. 		<p>On August 12, 2004, the Governor signed this bill.</p> <p>Public Act 93-0914</p>
Transitional jobs	<p>House Sponsors: Turner, Giles, Feigenholtz, Howard, Delgado, Bellock, Flowers, Kurtz, Lindner, Sullivan, Jefferson</p> <p>Senate Sponsors: Hendon, Obama, Harmon, Dillard, Collins, Link, Hunter, Lightford, Trotter, Meeks.</p> <p>Heartland Alliance Illinois Workforce Board Ex-offender Employability Committee National Center on Poverty Law</p>	<p>HB 3316 amends the Illinois Public Code and the Unified Code of Corrections. Provides that the Department of Human Services establish a pilot program to place hard-to-employ persons, including persons who have been released from a county jail or facility under the jurisdiction of the Department of Corrections, in jobs.</p>	<p>A similar program cost approximately \$500 per month per client. A total cost for this bill depends upon the scope of the program and number served.</p>	<p>Signed into law on July 18, 2003.</p> <p>Public Act 93-0208</p>