
DIGEST

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CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST

HB 196

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Keyword and oneliner of the instrument as it left the House

CRIMINAL/RECORDS: Removes the limitation on the number of expungements a person may receive for persons seeking an expungement under certain circumstances

Report rejects Senate amendments which would have:

1. Added provisions relative to any outstanding balance on unpaid victim restitution at the end of a defendant's term of imprisonment.
2. Added provisions relative to the procedure by which a court may award a defendant "earned compliance credits", may terminate the defendant's probation early as "satisfactorily completed", or may extend the period of probation for up to two years.
3. Removed provisions relative to the extension of a defendant's probation for the purposes of unpaid victim restitution and added that probation shall neither be revoked or extended based solely upon a defendant's inability to pay fines, fees, or restitution.
4. Provided that the requirement that a defendant agree to imposition of administrative sanctions as part of release on probation or parole pursuant to present law does not apply to the rescinding of earned compliance credits as an administrative sanction.
5. Removed provisions which prohibit the use of incarceration for certain violations of a defendant's probation.
6. Added that upon a fourth or subsequent technical violation, the court may order that the defendant's probation be revoked.
7. Amended the definition of "technical violation" to provide that the term shall not include the defendant's absconding from the jurisdiction of the court, regardless of whether the defendant does so by leaving the state without prior approval.
8. Made technical corrections to amendments.

Digest of the bill as proposed by the Conference Committee

Present law authorizes a person to file a motion to expunge his record of arrest and conviction of certain felony offenses if either of the following apply:

- (1) The conviction was set aside and the prosecution was dismissed pursuant to present law (C.Cr.P. Art. 893).
- (2) More than ten years have elapsed since the person completed any sentence, deferred adjudication, or period of probation or parole based on the felony conviction, and the person has not been convicted of any other criminal offense during the ten-year period, and has no criminal charge pending against him.

Present law provides that the expungement of a record of arrest and conviction of a felony offense shall occur only once with respect to any person during a 15-year period.

Proposed law amends present law to provide that this limitation on the number of expungements a person may receive during a 15-year period does not apply to persons who seek the expungement of a record of arrest and conviction for a conviction that was set aside and the prosecution dismissed pursuant to present law.

(Amends C.Cr.P. Art. 978(D))