

relating to an arrest, indictment or information, trial, or verdict if the records are not subject to section 299C.11, paragraph (b), and if all pending actions or proceedings were resolved in favor of the petitioner. For purposes of this chapter, a verdict of not guilty by reason of mental illness is not a resolution in favor of the petitioner.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2000, section 609A.03, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **CONTENTS OF PETITION.** (a) A petition for expungement shall be signed under oath by the petitioner and shall state the following:

(1) the petitioner's full name and all other legal names or aliases by which the petitioner has been known at any time;

(2) the petitioner's date of birth;

(3) all of the petitioner's addresses from the date of the offense or alleged offense in connection with which an expungement order is sought, to the date of the petition;

(4) why expungement is sought, if it is for employment or licensure purposes, the statutory or other legal authority under which it is sought, and why it should be granted;

(5) the details of the offense or arrest for which expungement is sought, including the date and jurisdiction of the occurrence, either the names of any victims or that there were no identifiable victims, whether there is a current order for protection, restraining order, or other no contact order prohibiting the petitioner from contacting the victims or whether there has ever been a prior order for protection or restraining order prohibiting the petitioner from contacting the victims, the court file number, and the date of conviction or of dismissal;

(6) in the case of a conviction, what steps the petitioner has taken since the time of the offense toward personal rehabilitation, including treatment, work, or other personal history that demonstrates rehabilitation;

(7) petitioner's criminal conviction record indicating all convictions for misdemeanors, gross misdemeanors, or felonies in this state, and for all comparable convictions in any other state, federal court, or foreign country, whether the convictions occurred before or after the arrest or conviction for which expungement is sought;

(8) petitioner's criminal charges record indicating all prior and pending criminal charges against the petitioner in this state or another jurisdiction, including all criminal charges that have been continued for dismissal or stayed for adjudication, or have been the subject of pretrial diversion; and

(9) all prior requests by the petitioner, whether for the present offense or for any other offenses, in this state or any other state or federal court, for pardon, return of arrest records, or expungement or sealing of a criminal record, whether granted or not, and all stays of adjudication or imposition of sentence involving the petitioner.

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(b) If there is a current order for protection, restraining order, or other no contact order prohibiting the petitioner from contacting the victims or there has ever been a prior order for protection or restraining order prohibiting the petitioner from contacting the victims, the petitioner shall attach a copy of the order to the petition.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2000, section 609A.03, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. **SERVICE OF PETITION AND PROPOSED ORDER.** (a) The petitioner shall serve by mail the petition for expungement and a proposed expungement order shall be served by mail on the prosecutorial office that had jurisdiction over the offense for which expungement is sought and all other state and local government agencies and jurisdictions whose records would be affected by the proposed order. Service Petitioner shall also be made serve by mail on the attorney for each agency and jurisdiction.

(b) The prosecutorial office that had jurisdiction over the offense for which expungement is sought shall serve by mail the petition for expungement and a proposed expungement order on any victims of the offense for which expungement is sought who have requested notice of expungement pursuant to section 611A.06. Service under this paragraph does not constitute a violation of an existing order for protection, restraining order, or other no contact order.

(c) The prosecutorial office's notice to victims of the offense under this subdivision must specifically inform the victims of the victims' right to be present and to submit an oral or written statement at the expungement hearing described in subdivision 4.

Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2000, section 609A.03, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

Subd. 4. **HEARING.** A hearing on the petition shall be held no sooner than 60 days after service of the petition. A victim of the offense for which expungement is sought has a right to submit an oral or written statement to the court at the time of the hearing describing the harm suffered by the victim as a result of the crime and the victim's recommendation on whether expungement should be granted or denied. The judge shall consider the victim's statement when making a decision.

Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2000, section 609A.03, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

Subd. 5. **NATURE OF REMEDY; STANDARD; FIREARMS RESTRICTION.** (a) Except as otherwise provided by paragraph (b), expungement of a criminal record is an extraordinary remedy to be granted only upon clear and convincing evidence that it would yield a benefit to the petitioner commensurate with the disadvantages to the public and public safety of:

- (1) sealing the record; and
- (2) burdening the court and public authorities to issue, enforce, and monitor an expungement order.

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(b) Except as otherwise provided by this paragraph, if the petitioner is petitioning for the sealing of a criminal record under section 609A.02, subdivision 3, the court shall grant the petition to seal the record unless the agency or jurisdiction whose records would be affected establishes by clear and convincing evidence that the interests of the public and public safety outweigh the disadvantages to the petitioner of not sealing the record. If a petitioner was found not guilty by reason of mental illness, the court shall grant the petition to seal the record unless the agency or jurisdiction whose records would be affected establishes by a preponderance of the evidence that the interests of the public and public safety outweigh the disadvantages to the petitioner of not sealing the record.

(c) If the court issues an expungement order it may require that the criminal record be sealed, the existence of the record not be revealed, and the record not be opened except as required under subdivision 7. Records must not be destroyed or returned to the subject of the record.

Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2000, section 611A.0385, is amended to read:

611A.0385 SENTENCING; IMPLEMENTATION OF RIGHT TO NOTICE OF OFFENDER RELEASE AND EXPUNGEMENT.

At the time of sentencing or the disposition hearing in a case in which there is an identifiable victim, the court or its designee shall make reasonable good faith efforts to inform each affected victim of the offender notice of release and notice of expungement provisions of section 611A.06. If the victim is a minor, the court or its designee shall, if appropriate, also make reasonable good faith efforts to inform the victim's parent or guardian of the right to notice of release and notice of expungement. The state court administrator, in consultation with the commissioner of corrections and the prosecuting authorities, shall prepare a form that outlines the notice of release and notice of expungement provisions under section 611A.06 and describes how a victim should complete and submit a request to the commissioner of corrections or other custodial authority to be informed of an offender's release or submit a request to the prosecuting authorities to be informed of an offender's petition for expungement. The state court administrator shall make these forms available to court administrators who shall assist the court in disseminating right to notice of offender release and notice of expungement information to victims.

Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2000, section 611A.06, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 1a. NOTICE OF EXPUNGEMENT REQUIRED. The prosecuting authority with jurisdiction over an offense for which expungement is being sought shall make a good faith effort to notify a victim that the expungement is being sought if: (1) the victim has mailed to the prosecuting authority with jurisdiction over an offense for which expungement is being sought a written request for this notice, or (2) the victim has indicated on a request for notice of expungement submitted under subdivision 1 a desire to be notified in the event the offender seeks an expungement for the offense.

A copy of any written request for a notice of expungement request received by the commissioner of corrections or other custodial authority shall be forwarded to the

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prosecutorial authority with jurisdiction over the offense to which the notice relates. The prosecutorial authority complies with this section upon mailing a copy of an expungement petition relating to the notice to the address which the victim has most recently provided in writing.

Sec. 8. EFFECTIVE DATE.

Sections 2, 3, 4, 6, and 7 are effective August 1, 2001, and apply to petitions for expungement filed on or after that date.

Presented to the governor May 25, 2001

Signed by the governor May 29, 2001, 11:35 a.m.

CHAPTER 210—H.F.No. 1261

An act relating to corrections; making various changes to laws involving the department of corrections, including clarifying the community notification law, striking and repealing obsolete and unnecessary statutory language, clarifying who may be required to pay the costs for the use of a correctional camp, allowing licensed mental health professionals to admit inmates to the mental health unit at MCF-Oak Park Heights, altering the requirements of the department's annual performance report, providing that investigation of inmate deaths be initiated by the commissioner of corrections, continuing the task force for agency purchasing from correctional agencies, creating a peer review committee in the health correctional system; authorizing the commissioner to inspect and certify juvenile facilities licensed by the department of human services; requiring the commissioners of corrections and human services to develop alternative equivalent standards for chemical dependency treatment programs for correctional facilities under certain circumstances; requiring the commissioner of corrections to contract with the commissioner of human services for background studies of individuals providing services in secure and nonsecure juvenile residential and detention facilities; making it a crime for employees, contract personnel, or volunteers of a correctional system to engage in certain sexual activities with offenders in correctional facilities; requiring a sex offender assessment for certain repeat sex offenders; authorizing HIV test results to be maintained in inmate medical records; requiring new per diem methods to be used in annual reports; amending Minnesota Statutes 2000, sections 16B.181, subdivision 2; 241.016, subdivision 1; 241.018; 241.021, subdivisions 1, 4, 4a, 6, by adding a subdivision; 241.67, subdivision 8; 241.69; 242.32, subdivision 1a; 243.05, subdivision 6; 243.51, subdivision 2; 243.53, subdivision 1; 244.052, subdivision 3; 244.173; 244.18, subdivision 1; 390.11, subdivision 1, by adding a subdivision; 390.32, by adding a subdivision; 609.341, subdivision 11; 609.344, subdivision 1; 609.345, subdivision 1; 609.3452, subdivision 1, by adding subdivisions; 611A.19; Laws 1996, chapter 463, section 16, subdivision 3, as amended; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2000, sections 241.016, subdivision 2; 241.19; 242.51.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1: Minnesota Statutes 2000, section 16B.181, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **PUBLIC ENTITIES; PURCHASES FROM CORRECTIONS INDUSTRIES.** (a) The commissioner of corrections, in consultation with the commis-

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