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A BILL

Го	amend sections 2151.358, 2953.52, 2953.53,	1
	4301.638, 4301.69, and 4301.99 and to repeal	2
	section 4301.632 of the Revised Code to prohibit an	3
	underage person from being under the influence of	4
	beer or intoxicating liquor, to revise the	5
	prohibitions regarding an underage person ordering,	6
	paying for, sharing the cost of, attempting to	7
	purchase, or consuming or possessing beer or	8
	intoxicating liquor, and to provide a diversion	9
	program for persons charged with violating these	10
	prohibitions and to maintain the provisions of this	11
	act on and after January 1, 2002, by amending the	12
	version of section 2151.358 of the Revised Code	13
	that takes effect on that date.	14

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That sections 2151.358, 2953.52, 2953.53,	15
4301.638, 4301.69, and 4301.99 be amended to read as follows:	16
Sec. 2151.358. (A) As used in this section, "seal a record"	17
means to remove a record from the main file of similar records and	18
to secure it in a separate file that contains only sealed records	19

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and that is accessible only to the juvenile court. A record that	20
is sealed shall be destroyed by all persons and governmental	21
bodies except the juvenile court.	22
(B) The department of youth services and any other	23
institution or facility that unconditionally discharges a person	24
who has been adjudicated a delinquent child, an unruly child, or a	25
juvenile traffic offender shall immediately give notice of the	26
discharge to the court that committed the person. The court shall	27
note the date of discharge on a separate record of discharges of	28
those natures.	29
(C)(1)(a) Two years after the termination of any order made	30
by the court or two years after the unconditional discharge of a	31
person from the department of youth services or another	32
institution or facility to which the person may have been	33
committed, the court that issued the order or committed the person	34
shall do whichever of the following is applicable:	35
(i) If the person was adjudicated an unruly child, order the	36
record of the person sealed;	37
(ii) If the person was adjudicated a delinquent child for	38
committing an act other than a violation of section 2903.01,	39
2903.02, 2907.02, 2907.03, or 2907.05 of the Revised Code or was	40
adjudicated a juvenile traffic offender, either order the record	41
of the person sealed or send the person notice of the person's	42
right to have that record sealed.	43
(b) Division (C)(1)(a) of this section does not apply	44
regarding a person who was adjudicated a delinquent child for	45
committing a violation of section 2903.01, 2903.02, 2907.02,	46
2907.03, or 2907.05 of the Revised Code.	47
(2) The court shall send the notice described in division	48
(C)(1)(a)(ii) of this section within ninety days after the	49
expiration of the two-year period described in division (C)(1)(a)	50

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- of this section by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the person's last known address. The notice shall state that the person may apply to the court for an order to seal the person's record, explain what sealing a record means, and explain the possible consequences of not having the person's record sealed.
- (D)(1) At any time after the two-year period described in division (C)(1)(a) of this section has elapsed, any person who has been adjudicated a delinquent child for committing an act other than a violation of section 2903.01, 2903.02, 2907.02, 2907.03, or 2907.05 of the Revised Code or who has been adjudicated a juvenile traffic offender may apply to the court for an order to seal the person's record. The court shall hold a hearing on each application within sixty days after the application is received. Notice of the hearing on the application shall be given to the prosecuting attorney and to any other public office or agency known to have a record of the prior adjudication. If the court finds that the rehabilitation of the person who was adjudicated a delinquent child or a juvenile traffic offender has been attained to a satisfactory degree, the court may order the record of the person sealed.
- (2) Division (D)(1) of this section does not apply regarding a person who was adjudicated a delinquent child for committing a violation of section 2903.01, 2903.02, 2907.02, 2907.03, or 2907.05 of the Revised Code.
- (3) If a child who was charged with violating division (E)(1) of section 4301.69 of the Revised Code successfully completes a diversion program under division (E)(2)(a) of section 4301.69 of the Revised Code with respect to that charge, the court shall order the person's record in that case sealed.
- (E)(1) If the court orders the adjudication record <u>or other</u> record of a person sealed pursuant to division (C) or (D) of this section, the court, except as provided in division (K) of this

expungement of the record in the case. The application may be

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filed at any time after the person is adjudicated not guilty or the charges against the person are dismissed. The court shall give notice to the prosecuting attorney of any hearing on the application. The court may initiate the expungement proceedings on its own motion.

Any person who has been arrested and charged with being an unruly child and who is adjudicated not guilty of the charges in the case or has the charges in the case dismissed may apply to the court for an expungement of the record in the case. The court shall initiate the expungement proceedings on its own motion if an application for expungement is not filed.

If the court upon receipt of an application for expungement or upon its own motion determines that the charges against any person in any case were dismissed or that any person was adjudicated not guilty in any case, the court shall order that the records of the case be expunded and that the proceedings in the case be deemed never to have occurred. If the applicant for the expungement order, with the written consent of the applicant's parents or guardian if the applicant is a minor and with the written approval of the court, waives in writing the applicant's right to bring any civil action based on the arrest for which the expungement order is applied, the court shall order the appropriate persons and governmental agencies to delete all index references to the case; destroy or delete all court records of the case; destroy all copies of any pictures and fingerprints taken of the person pursuant to the expunged arrest; and destroy, erase, or delete any reference to the arrest that is maintained by the state or any political subdivision of the state, except a record of the arrest that is maintained for compiling statistical data and that does not contain any reference to the person.

If the applicant for an expungement order does not waive in writing the right to bring any civil action based on the arrest

for which the expungement order is applied, the court, in addition to ordering the deletion, destruction, or erasure of all index references and court records of the case and of all references to the arrest that are maintained by the state or any political subdivision of the state, shall order that a copy of all records of the case, except fingerprints held by the court or a law enforcement agency, be delivered to the court. The court shall seal all of the records delivered to the court in a separate file in which only sealed records are maintained. The sealed records shall be kept by the court until the statute of limitations expires for any civil action based on the arrest, any pending litigation based on the arrest is terminated, or the applicant files a written waiver of the right to bring a civil action based on the arrest. After the expiration of the statute of limitations, the termination of the pending litigation, or the filing of the waiver, the court shall destroy the sealed records.

After the expungement order has been issued, the court shall, and the person may properly, reply that no record of the case with respect to the person exists.

(G)(1) The court shall send notice of the order to expunge or seal to any public office or agency that the court has reason to believe may have a record of the expunged or sealed record. Except as provided in division (K) of this section, an order to seal or expunge under this section applies to every public office or agency that has a record of the prior adjudication or arrest, regardless of whether it receives notice of the hearing on the expungement or sealing of the record or a copy of the order to expunge or seal the record. Except as provided in division (K) of this section, upon the written request of a person whose record has been expunged and the presentation of a copy of the order to expunge, a public office or agency shall destroy its record of the prior adjudication or arrest, except a record of the adjudication

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or arrest that is maintained for compiling statistical data and that does not contain any reference to the person who is the subject of the order to expunde.

- (2) The person, or the public office or agency, that maintains sealed records pertaining to an adjudication of a child as a delinquent child may maintain a manual or computerized index to the sealed records. The index shall contain only the name of, and alphanumeric identifiers that relate to, the persons who are the subject of the sealed records, the word "sealed," and the name of the person, or the public office or agency that has custody of the sealed records and shall not contain the name of the delinquent act committed. The person who has custody of the sealed records shall make the index available only for the purposes set forth in divisions (E)(2) and (H) of this section.
- (H) The judgment rendered by the court under this chapter shall not impose any of the civil disabilities ordinarily imposed by conviction of a crime in that the child is not a criminal by reason of the adjudication and no child shall be charged with or convicted of a crime in any court except as provided by this chapter. The disposition of a child under the judgment rendered or any evidence given in court shall not operate to disqualify a child in any future civil service examination, appointment, or application. Evidence of a judgment rendered and the disposition of a child under the judgment is not admissible to impeach the credibility of the child in any action or proceeding. Otherwise, the disposition of a child under the judgment rendered or any evidence given in court is admissible as evidence for or against the child in any action or proceeding in any court in accordance with the Rules of Evidence and also may be considered by any court as to the matter of sentence or to the granting of probation, and a court may consider the judgment rendered and the disposition of a child under that judgment for purposes of determining whether

the child, for a future criminal conviction or guilty plea, is a	211
repeat violent offender, as defined in section 2929.01 of the	212
Revised Code.	213

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- (I) In any application for employment, license, or other right or privilege, any appearance as a witness, or any other inquiry, a person may not be questioned with respect to any arrest for which the records were expunged. If an inquiry is made in violation of this division, the person may respond as if the expunged arrest did not occur, and the person shall not be subject to any adverse action because of the arrest or the response.
- (J) An officer or employee of the state or any of its political subdivisions who knowingly releases, disseminates, or makes available for any purpose involving employment, bonding, licensing, or education to any person or to any department, agency, or other instrumentality of the state or of any of its political subdivisions any information or other data concerning any arrest, complaint, trial, hearing, adjudication, or correctional supervision, the records of which have been expunged or sealed pursuant to this section and the release, dissemination, or making available of which is not expressly permitted by this section, is guilty of divulging confidential information, a misdemeanor of the fourth degree.
- (K) Notwithstanding any provision of this section that requires otherwise, a board of education of a city, local, exempted village, or joint vocational school district that maintains records of an individual who has been permanently excluded under sections 3301.121 and 3313.662 of the Revised Code is permitted to maintain records regarding an adjudication that the individual is a delinquent child that was used as the basis for the individual's permanent exclusion, regardless of a court order to seal the record. An order issued under this section to seal the record of an adjudication that an individual is a

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delinquent child does not revoke the adjudication order of the superintendent of public instruction to permanently exclude the individual who is the subject of the sealing order. An order issued under this section to seal the record of an adjudication that an individual is a delinquent child may be presented to a district superintendent as evidence to support the contention that the superintendent should recommend that the permanent exclusion of the individual who is the subject of the sealing order be revoked. Except as otherwise authorized by this division and sections 3301.121 and 3313.662 of the Revised Code, any school employee in possession of or having access to the sealed adjudication records of an individual that were the basis of a permanent exclusion of the individual is subject to division (J) of this section.

- Sec. 2953.52. (A)(1) Any person, who is found not guilty of an offense by a jury or a court or who is the defendant named in a dismissed complaint, indictment, or information, may apply to the court for an order to seal his official records in the case.

 Except as provided in section 2953.61 of the Revised Code, the application may be filed at any time after the finding of not guilty or the dismissal of the complaint, indictment, or information is entered upon the minutes of the court or the journal, whichever entry occurs first.
- (2) Any person, against whom a no bill is entered by a grand jury, may apply to the court for an order to seal his official records in the case. Except as provided in section 2953.61 of the Revised Code, the application may be filed at any time after the expiration of two years after the date on which the foreman or deputy foreman of the grand jury reports to the court that the grand jury has reported a no bill.
 - (B)(1) Upon the filing of an application pursuant to division

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(A) of this section, the court shall set a date for a hearing and	274
shall notify the prosecutor in the case of the hearing on the	275
application. The prosecutor may object to the granting of the	276
application by filing an objection with the court prior to the	277
date set for the hearing. The prosecutor shall specify in the	278
objection the reasons he believes justify a denial of the	279
application.	280
(2) The court shall do each of the following:	281
(a) Determine whether the person was found not guilty in the	282
case, or the complaint, indictment, or information in the case was	283
dismissed, or a no bill was returned in the case and a period of	284
two years or a longer period as required by section 2953.61 of the	285
Revised Code has expired from the date of the report to the court	286
of that no bill by the foreman or deputy foreman of the grand	287
jury;	288
(b) Determine whether criminal proceedings are pending	289
against the person;	290
(c) If the prosecutor has filed an objection in accordance	291
with division (B)(1) of this section, consider the reasons against	292
granting the application specified by the prosecutor in the	293
objection;	294
(d) Weigh the interests of the person in having the official	295
records pertaining to the case sealed against the legitimate	296
needs, if any, of the government to maintain those records.	297
(3) If the court determines, after complying with division	298
(B)(2) of this section, that the person was found not guilty in	299
the case, that the complaint, indictment, or information in the	300
case was dismissed, or that a no bill was returned in the case and	301
that the appropriate period of time has expired from the date of	302
the report to the court of the no bill by the foreman or deputy	303

foreman of the grand jury; that no criminal proceedings are

305 pending against the person; and the interests of the person in 306 having the records pertaining to the case sealed are not 307 outweighed by any legitimate governmental needs to maintain such 308 records, or if division (E)(2)(b) of section 4301.69 of the 309 Revised Code applies, the court shall issue an order directing 310 that all official records pertaining to the case be sealed and that, except as provided in section 2953.53 of the Revised Code, 312 the proceedings in the case be deemed not to have occurred.

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Sec. 2953.53. (A) The court shall send notice of any order to seal official records issued pursuant to section 2953.52 of the Revised Code to any public office or agency that the court knows or has reason to believe may have any record of the case, whether or not it is an official record, that is the subject of the order. The notice shall be sent by certified mail, return receipt requested.

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(B) A person whose official records have been sealed pursuant to an order issued pursuant to section 2953.52 of the Revised Code may present a copy of that order and a written request to comply with it, to a public office or agency that has a record of the case that is the subject of the order.

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(C) An order to seal official records issued pursuant to section 2953.52 of the Revised Code applies to every public office or agency that has a record of the case that is the subject of the order, regardless of whether it receives notice of the hearing on the application for the order to seal the official records or receives a copy of the order to seal the official records pursuant to division (A) or (B) of this section.

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(D) Upon receiving a copy of an order to seal official records pursuant to division (A) or (B) of this section or upon otherwise becoming aware of an applicable order to seal official records issued pursuant to section 2953.52 of the Revised Code, a 331

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Sec. 4301.638. Sections <u>4301.632</u> <u>4301.633</u> to 4301.637 of	the	366
Revised Code shall not be deemed to modify or affect division	(A)	367
of section 4301.22 or section 4301.69 of the Revised Code.		368

Sec. 4301.69. (A) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, no person shall sell beer or intoxicating liquor to an underage person, shall buy beer or intoxicating liquor for an underage person, or shall furnish it to an underage person, unless given by a physician in the regular line of the physician's practice or given for established religious purposes or unless the underage person is accompanied by a parent, spouse who is not an underage person, or legal guardian.

In proceedings before the liquor control commission, no permit holder, or the employee or agent of a permit holder, charged with a violation of this division shall be charged, for the same offense, with a violation of division (A)(1) of section 4301.22 of the Revised Code.

(B) No person who is the owner or occupant of any public or private place shall knowingly allow any underage person to remain in or on the place while possessing or consuming beer or intoxicating liquor, unless the intoxicating liquor or beer is given to the person possessing or consuming it by that person's parent, spouse who is not an underage person, or legal guardian and the parent, spouse who is not an underage person, or legal guardian is present at the time of the person's possession or consumption of the beer or intoxicating liquor.

An owner of a public or private place is not liable for acts or omissions in violation of this division that are committed by a lessee of that place, unless the owner authorizes or acquiesces in the lessee's acts or omissions.

(C) No person shall engage or use accommodations at a hotel, 395 inn, cabin, campground, or restaurant when the person knows or has 396

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reason to know either of the following:

(1) That beer or intoxicating liquor will be consumed by an underage person on the premises of the accommodations that the person engages or uses, unless the person engaging or using the accommodations is the spouse of the underage person and who is not an underage person, or is the parent or legal guardian of all of the underage persons, who consume beer or intoxicating liquor on the premises and that person is on the premises at all times when beer or intoxicating liquor is being consumed by an underage person;

- (2) That a drug of abuse will be consumed on the premises of the accommodations by any person, except a person who obtained the drug of abuse pursuant to a prescription issued by a licensed health professional authorized to prescribe drugs and has the drug of abuse in the original container in which it was dispensed to the person.
- (D)(1) No person is required to permit the engagement of accommodations at any hotel, inn, cabin, or campground by an underage person or for an underage person, if the person engaging the accommodations knows or has reason to know that the underage person is intoxicated, or that the underage person possesses any beer or intoxicating liquor and is not accompanied by a parent, spouse who is not an underage person, or legal guardian who is or will be present at all times when the beer or intoxicating liquor is being consumed by the underage person.
- (2) No underage person shall knowingly engage or attempt to engage accommodations at any hotel, inn, cabin, or campground by presenting identification that falsely indicates that the underage person is twenty-one years of age or older for the purpose of violating this section.
 - (E)(1) No underage person shall knowingly order, pay for,

complaint and order the record in the case sealed under section

2953.52 of the Revised Code. If the person fails to satisfactorily

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this section or section 4301.63, 4301.632, 4301.633, or 4301.634 of the Revised Code.	464 465
(G) The operator of any hotel, inn, cabin, or campground shall make the provisions of this section available in writing to any person engaging or using accommodations at the hotel, inn, cabin, or campground.	466 467 468 469
(H) As used in this section:(1) "Drug of abuse" has the same meaning as in section3719.011 of the Revised Code.	470 471 472
(2) "Hotel" has the same meaning as in section 3731.01 of the Revised Code.	473 474
(3) "Licensed health professional authorized to prescribe drugs" and "prescription" have the same meanings as in section 4729.01 of the Revised Code.	475 476 477
(4) "Minor" means a person under the age of eighteen years.(5) "Underage person" means a person under the age of	478 479
twenty-one years.	480
Sec. 4301.99. (A) Whoever violates section 4301.47, 4301.48, 4301.49, 4301.62, or 4301.70 or division (B) of section 4301.691 of the Revised Code is guilty of a minor misdemeanor.	481 482 483
(B) Whoever violates section 4301.15, division (A)(2) or (D) of section 4301.22, division (C), (D), (E), (F), (G), (H), or (I) of section 4301.631, or section 4301.64 or 4301.67 of the Revised Code is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree.	484 485 486 487
If an offender who violates section 4301.64 of the Revised	488

Code was under the age of eighteen years at the time of the offense, the court, in addition to any other penalties it imposes upon the offender, shall suspend the offender's temporary instruction permit, probationary driver's license, or driver's license for a period of six months. If the offender is fifteen years and six months of age or older and has not been issued a temporary instruction permit or probationary driver's license, the offender shall not be eligible to be issued such a license or permit for a period of six months. If the offender has not attained the age of fifteen years and six months, the offender shall not be eligible to be issued a temporary instruction permit until the offender attains the age of sixteen years.

(C) Whoever violates division (D) of section 4301.21, or section 4301.251, 4301.58, 4301.59, 4301.60, $\frac{4301.632}{4301.632}$, 4301.633, 4301.66, 4301.68, or 4301.74, division (B), (C), (D), (E)(1), or (F) of section 4301.69 of the Revised Code, or division (C), (D), (E), (F), (G), or (I) of section 4301.691 of the Revised Code is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree.

If an offender who violates <u>division (E)(1) of</u> section 4301.632 4301.69 of the Revised Code was under the age of eighteen years at the time of the offense and the offense occurred while the offender was the operator of or a passenger in a motor vehicle, the court, in addition to any other penalties it imposes upon the offender, shall suspend the offender's temporary instruction permit or probationary driver's license for a period of six months. If the offender is fifteen years and six months of age or older and has not been issued a temporary instruction permit or probationary driver's license, the offender shall not be eligible to be issued such a license or permit for a period of six months. If the offender has not attained the age of fifteen years and six months, the offender shall not be eligible to be issued a temporary instruction permit until the offender attains the age of

sixteen years. 521

(D) Whoever violates division (B) of section 4301.14, or 522 division (A)(1) or (3), (B), or (C) of section 4301.22 of the 523 Revised Code is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third degree. 524

- (E) Whoever violates section 4301.63 or division (B) of section 4301.631 of the Revised Code shall be fined not less than twenty-five nor more than one hundred dollars. The court imposing a fine for a violation of section 4301.63 or division (B) of section 4301.631 of the Revised Code may order that the fine be paid by the performance of public work at a reasonable hourly rate established by the court. The court shall designate the time within which the public work shall be completed.
- (F)(1) Whoever violates section 4301.634 of the Revised Code is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree. If, in committing a first violation of that section, the offender presented to the permit holder or the permit holder's employee or agent a false, fictitious, or altered identification card, a false or fictitious driver's license purportedly issued by any state, or a driver's license issued by any state that has been altered, the offender is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree and shall be fined not less than two hundred fifty and not more than one thousand dollars, and may be sentenced to a term of imprisonment of not more than six months.
- (2) On a second violation in which, for the second time, the offender presented to the permit holder or the permit holder's employee or agent a false, fictitious, or altered identification card, a false or fictitious driver's license purportedly issued by any state, or a driver's license issued by any state that has been altered, the offender is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree and shall be fined not less than five hundred nor more than one thousand dollars, and may be sentenced to a term of imprisonment of not more than six months. The court also may

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suspend the offender's driver's or commercial driver's license or permit or nonresident operating privilege or deny the offender the opportunity to be issued a driver's or commercial driver's license for a period not exceeding sixty days.

- (3) On a third or subsequent violation in which, for the third or subsequent time, the offender presented to the permit holder or the permit holder's employee or agent a false, fictitious, or altered identification card, a false or fictitious driver's license purportedly issued by any state, or a driver's license issued by any state that has been altered, the offender is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree and shall be fined not less than five hundred nor more than one thousand dollars, and may be sentenced to a term of imprisonment of not more than six months. The court also shall suspend the offender's driver's or commercial driver's license or permit or nonresident operating privilege or deny the offender the opportunity to be issued a driver's or commercial driver's license for a period of ninety days, and the court may order that the suspension or denial remain in effect until the offender attains the age of twenty-one years. The court also may order the offender to perform a determinate number of hours of community service, with the court determining the actual number of hours and the nature of the community service the offender shall perform.
- (G) Whoever violates section 4301.636 of the Revised Code is guilty of a felony of the fifth degree.
- (H) Whoever violates division (A)(1) of section 4301.22 of the Revised Code is guilty of a misdemeanor, shall be fined not less than five hundred and not more than one thousand dollars, and, in addition to the fine, may be imprisoned for a definite term of not more than sixty days.
- (I) Whoever violates division (A) of section 4301.69 or 583 division (H) of section 4301.691 of the Revised Code is guilty of 584

record of the person sealed;

(ii) If the person was adjudicated a delinquent child for 615 committing an act other than a violation of section 2903.01, 616 2903.02, 2907.02, 2907.03, or 2907.05 of the Revised Code or was 617 adjudicated a juvenile traffic offender, either order the record 618 of the person sealed or send the person notice of the person's 619 right to have that record sealed.

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- (b) Division (C)(1)(a) of this section does not apply 621 regarding a person who was adjudicated a delinquent child for 622 committing a violation of section 2903.01, 2903.02, 2907.02, 623 2907.03, or 2907.05 of the Revised Code. 624
- (2) The court shall send the notice described in division (C)(1)(a)(ii) of this section within ninety days after the expiration of the two-year period described in division (C)(1)(a) of this section by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the person's last known address. The notice shall state that the person may apply to the court for an order to seal the person's record, explain what sealing a record means, and explain the possible consequences of not having the person's record sealed.
- (D)(1) At any time after the two-year period described in division (C)(1)(a) of this section has elapsed, any person who has been adjudicated a delinquent child for committing an act other than a violation of section 2903.01, 2903.02, 2907.02, 2907.03, or 2907.05 of the Revised Code or who has been adjudicated a juvenile traffic offender may apply to the court for an order to seal the person's record. The court shall hold a hearing on each application within sixty days after the application is received. Notice of the hearing on the application shall be given to the prosecuting attorney and to any other public office or agency known to have a record of the prior adjudication. If the court finds that the rehabilitation of the person who was adjudicated a delinquent child or a juvenile traffic offender has been attained

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to a satisfactory degree, the court may order the record of the	646
person sealed.	647
(2) Division (D)(1) of this section does not apply regarding	648
a person who was adjudicated a delinquent child for committing a	649
violation of section 2903.01, 2903.02, 2907.02, 2907.03, or	650
2907.05 of the Revised Code.	651
(3) If a child who was charged with violating division (E)(1)	652
of section 4301.69 of the Revised Code successfully completes a	653
diversion program under division (E)(2)(a) of section 4301.69 of	654
the Revised Code with respect to that charge, the court shall	655
order the person's record in that case sealed.	656
(E)(1) If the court orders the adjudication record or other	657
record of a person sealed pursuant to division (C) or (D) of this	658
section, the court, except as provided in division (K) of this	659
section, shall order that the proceedings in the case in which the	660
person was adjudicated a juvenile traffic offender, a delinquent	661
child, or an unruly child, or in which the person was the subject	662
of a complaint alleging the person to have violated division	663
(E)(1) of section 4301.69 of the Revised Code, be deemed never to	664
have occurred. Except as provided in division (G)(2) of this	665
section, all index references to the case and the person shall be	666
deleted, and the person and the court properly may reply that no	667
record exists with respect to the person upon any inquiry in the	668
matter.	669
(2) Inspection of records that have been ordered sealed under	670
division (E)(1) of this section may be made only by the following	671
persons or for the following purposes:	672
(a) If the records in question pertain to an act that would	673
be an offense of violence that would be a felony if committed by	674
an adult, by any law enforcement officer or any prosecutor, or the	675
assistants of a law enforcement officer or prosecutor, for any	676

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case be deemed never to have occurred. If the applicant for the expungement order, with the written consent of the applicant's parents or guardian if the applicant is a minor and with the written approval of the court, waives in writing the applicant's right to bring any civil action based on the arrest for which the expungement order is applied, the court shall order the appropriate persons and governmental agencies to delete all index references to the case; destroy or delete all court records of the case; destroy all copies of any pictures and fingerprints taken of the person pursuant to the expunged arrest; and destroy, erase, or delete any reference to the arrest that is maintained by the state or any political subdivision of the state, except a record of the arrest that is maintained for compiling statistical data and that does not contain any reference to the person.

If the applicant for an expungement order does not waive in writing the right to bring any civil action based on the arrest for which the expungement order is applied, the court, in addition to ordering the deletion, destruction, or erasure of all index references and court records of the case and of all references to the arrest that are maintained by the state or any political subdivision of the state, shall order that a copy of all records of the case, except fingerprints held by the court or a law enforcement agency, be delivered to the court. The court shall seal all of the records delivered to the court in a separate file in which only sealed records are maintained. The sealed records shall be kept by the court until the statute of limitations expires for any civil action based on the arrest, any pending litigation based on the arrest is terminated, or the applicant files a written waiver of the right to bring a civil action based on the arrest. After the expiration of the statute of limitations, the termination of the pending litigation, or the filing of the waiver, the court shall destroy the sealed records.

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After the expungement order has been issued, the court shall, and the person may properly, reply that no record of the case with respect to the person exists.

- (G)(1) The court shall send notice of the order to expunge or seal to any public office or agency that the court has reason to believe may have a record of the expunged or sealed record. Except as provided in division (K) of this section, an order to seal or expunge under this section applies to every public office or agency that has a record of the prior adjudication or arrest, regardless of whether it receives notice of the hearing on the expungement or sealing of the record or a copy of the order to expunge or seal the record. Except as provided in division (K) of this section, upon the written request of a person whose record has been expunded and the presentation of a copy of the order to expunge, a public office or agency shall destroy its record of the prior adjudication or arrest, except a record of the adjudication or arrest that is maintained for compiling statistical data and that does not contain any reference to the person who is the subject of the order to expunge.
- (2) The person, or the public office or agency, that maintains sealed records pertaining to an adjudication of a child as a delinquent child may maintain a manual or computerized index to the sealed records. The index shall contain only the name of, and alphanumeric identifiers that relate to, the persons who are the subject of the sealed records, the word "sealed," and the name of the person, or the public office or agency that has custody of the sealed records and shall not contain the name of the delinquent act committed. The person who has custody of the sealed records shall make the index available only for the purposes set forth in divisions (E)(2) and (H) of this section.
- (H) The judgment rendered by the court under this chapter shall not impose any of the civil disabilities ordinarily imposed

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by conviction of a crime in that the child is not a criminal by reason of the adjudication and no child shall be charged with or convicted of a crime in any court except as provided by this chapter. The disposition of a child under the judgment rendered or any evidence given in court shall not operate to disqualify a child in any future civil service examination, appointment, or application. Evidence of a judgment rendered and the disposition of a child under the judgment is not admissible to impeach the credibility of the child in any action or proceeding. Otherwise, the disposition of a child under the judgment rendered or any evidence given in court is admissible as evidence for or against the child in any action or proceeding in any court in accordance with the Rules of Evidence and also may be considered by any court as to the matter of sentence or to the granting of probation, and a court may consider the judgment rendered and the disposition of a child under that judgment for purposes of determining whether the child, for a future criminal conviction or guilty plea, is a repeat violent offender, as defined in section 2929.01 of the Revised Code.

- (I) In any application for employment, license, or other right or privilege, any appearance as a witness, or any other inquiry, a person may not be questioned with respect to any arrest for which the records were expunged. If an inquiry is made in violation of this division, the person may respond as if the expunged arrest did not occur, and the person shall not be subject to any adverse action because of the arrest or the response.
- (J) An officer or employee of the state or any of its political subdivisions who knowingly releases, disseminates, or makes available for any purpose involving employment, bonding, licensing, or education to any person or to any department, agency, or other instrumentality of the state or of any of its political subdivisions any information or other data concerning

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any arrest, complaint, indictment, information, trial, hearing, adjudication, or correctional supervision, the records of which have been expunged or sealed pursuant to this section and the release, dissemination, or making available of which is not expressly permitted by this section, is guilty of divulging confidential information, a misdemeanor of the fourth degree.

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(K) Notwithstanding any provision of this section that requires otherwise, a board of education of a city, local, exempted village, or joint vocational school district that maintains records of an individual who has been permanently excluded under sections 3301.121 and 3313.662 of the Revised Code is permitted to maintain records regarding an adjudication that the individual is a delinquent child that was used as the basis for the individual's permanent exclusion, regardless of a court order to seal the record. An order issued under this section to seal the record of an adjudication that an individual is a delinquent child does not revoke the adjudication order of the superintendent of public instruction to permanently exclude the individual who is the subject of the sealing order. An order issued under this section to seal the record of an adjudication that an individual is a delinquent child may be presented to a district superintendent as evidence to support the contention that the superintendent should recommend that the permanent exclusion of the individual who is the subject of the sealing order be revoked. Except as otherwise authorized by this division and sections 3301.121 and 3313.662 of the Revised Code, any school employee in possession of or having access to the sealed adjudication records of an individual that were the basis of a permanent exclusion of the individual is subject to division (J)

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Section 4. That the existing version of section 2151.358 of the Revised Code that is scheduled to take effect January 1, 2002,

of this section.

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is hereby repealed.	836
Section 5. Sections 3 and 4 of this act shall take effect	837
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