



2025-2026 General Assembly

HOUSE BILL 377: 2026 Court Changes, Sec. 17: Change Effective Date for Judicial Access to Expunction Records

Analysis of: House Bill 377 (Ratified) , Sec. 17

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Section 17 of House Bill 377 would have clarified that a judge can request access to confidential expungement records maintained by the Administrative Office of the Courts to determine whether a defendant has been previously granted a discharge or an expungement regardless of when the expungement petition was filed.

House Bill 377 was ratified by the General Assembly on August 6, 2026, and vetoed by the Governor on August 17, 2026.

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