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# **HOUSE BILL NO. 1376**

## 101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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### **AN ACT**

To repeal sections 210.854, 454.435, 478.1000, 483.163, 568.040, and 650.055, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof three new sections relating to criminal nonsupport, with penalty provisions.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Sections 210.854, 454.435, 478.1000, 483.163, 568.040, and 650.055, RSMo, are repealed and three new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 210.854, 454.435, and 650.055, to read as follows:

210.854. 1. In the event of the entry of a judgment or judgments of paternity and support, whether entered in one judgment or separately, a person against whom such a judgment or judgments have been entered may file a petition requesting a circuit court with jurisdiction over the subject child or children to set aside said judgment or judgments in the interests of justice and upon the grounds set forth in this section. Such a petition may be filed at any time prior to December 31, 2011. After that date, the petition shall be filed within two years of the entry of the original judgment of paternity and support or within two years of entry of the later judgment in the case of separate judgments of paternity and support and shall be filed in the county which entered the judgment or judgments of paternity and support. Any such petition 10 shall be served upon the biological mother and any other legal guardian or custodian in the same manner provided for service of process in the rules of civil procedure. The child or children shall 12 be made a party and shall have a guardian ad litem appointed for the child or children before any 13 further proceedings are had. If the child or children are recipients of IV-D services as defined 14 in subdivision (8) of section 454.460, the family support division shall also be made a party and shall be duly served. 15

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

2. The petition shall include an affidavit executed by the petitioner alleging that evidence exists which was not considered before entry of judgment and either:

- (1) An allegation that genetic testing was conducted within ninety days prior to the filing of such petition using DNA methodology to determine the probability or improbability of paternity, and performed by an expert as defined in section 210.834. The affidavit shall also allege that the test results, which are attached thereto, indicate that a person subject to the child support payment order has been excluded as the child's father; or
- (2) A request to the court for an order of genetic paternity testing using DNA methodology.
- 3. The court, after a hearing wherein all interested parties have been given an opportunity to present evidence and be heard, and upon a finding of probable cause to believe said testing may result in a determination of nonpaternity, shall order the relevant parties to submit to genetic paternity testing. The genetic paternity testing costs shall be paid by the petitioner.
- 4. Upon a finding that the genetic test referred to herein was properly conducted, accurate, and indicates that the person subject to the child support payment order has been excluded as the child's father, the court shall, unless it makes written findings of fact and conclusions of law that it is in the best interest of the parties not to do so:
- (1) Grant relief on the petition and enter judgment setting aside the previous judgment or judgments of paternity and support, or acknowledgment of paternity under section 210.823 only as to the child or children found not to be the biological child or children of the petitioner;
- (2) Extinguish any existing child support arrearage only as to the child or children found not to be the biological child or children of the petitioner; and
- 38 (3) Order the department of health and senior services to modify the child's birth 39 certificate accordingly.
  - 5. The provisions of this section shall not apply to grant relief to the parent of any adopted child.
  - 6. A finding under subsection 4 of this section shall constitute a material mistake of fact under section 210.823.
  - 7. The provisions of this section shall not be construed to create a cause of action to recover child support or state debt, under subdivision (2) of subsection 1 of section 454.465 and subsection 10 of section 452.340, that was previously paid pursuant to the order. The petitioner shall have no right for reimbursement for any moneys previously paid pursuant to said order.
  - 8. Any petitioner who has pled guilty to or been found guilty of an offense for criminal nonsupport under section 568.040 as it existed prior to August 28, 2021, as to a child or children who have been found not to be the biological child or children of the petitioner, may apply to the court in which the petitioner pled guilty or was sentenced for an order to expunge

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52 from all official records all recordations of his arrest, plea, trial, or conviction. If the court determines, after hearing, that the petitioner has had a judgment or judgments of paternity and 54 support set aside under this section, the court shall enter an order of expungement. Upon 55 granting of the order of expungement under this subsection, the records and files maintained in any administrative or court proceeding in an associate or circuit division of the circuit court 56 57 under this section shall be confidential and only available to the parties or by order of the court 58 for good cause shown. The effect of such order shall be to restore such person to the status he 59 or she occupied prior to such arrest, plea, or conviction and as if such event had never taken 60 place. No person as to whom such order has been entered shall be held thereafter under any provision of any law to be guilty of perjury or otherwise giving a false statement by reason of his 62 failure to recite or acknowledge such arrest, plea, trial, conviction, or expungement in response to any inquiry made of him for any purpose whatsoever and no such inquiry shall be made for 63 information relating to an expungement under this section.

9. Beginning in 2010, the family support division shall track and report to the general assembly the number of cases known to the division in which a court, within the calendar year, set aside a previous judgment or judgments of paternity and support under subsection 4 of this section. The family support division shall submit the report annually by December thirty-first.

454.435. 1. Each prosecuting attorney may enter into a cooperative agreement or may enter into a multiple county agreement to litigate [or prosecute] any action necessary to secure support for any person referred to such office by the family support division including, but not limited to, reciprocal actions under this chapter, actions to establish, modify and enforce support obligations, actions to enforce medical support obligations ordered in conjunction with a child support obligation, actions to obtain reimbursement for the cost of medical care provided by the state for which an obligor is liable under subsection 9 of section 208.215, and actions to establish the paternity of a child for whom support is sought. In all cases where a prosecuting attorney seeks the establishment or modification of a support obligation, the prosecuting attorney shall, in addition to periodic monetary support, seek and enforce orders from the court directing the obligated parent to maintain medical insurance on behalf of the child for whom support is sought, which insurance shall, in the opinion of the court, be sufficient to provide adequate medical coverage; or to otherwise provide for such child's necessary medical expenses.

2. In all cases where a prosecuting attorney has entered into a cooperative agreement to litigate [or prosecute] an action necessary to secure child support, and [an information is not filed er a civil action is not commenced within sixty days of the receipt of the referral from the division, the division may demand return of the referral and the case filed and the prosecuting attorney shall return the referral and the case file. The division may then use any other attorney

which it employs or with whom it has a cooperative agreement to establish or enforce the support obligation.

- 3. As used in this section, the term "prosecuting attorney" means, with reference to any city not within a county, the circuit attorney.
- 4. Prosecuting attorneys are hereby authorized to initiate judicial or administrative modification proceedings on IV-D cases at the request of the division.

650.055. 1. Every individual who:

- (1) Is found guilty of a felony or any offense under chapter 566; or
- 3 (2) Is seventeen years of age or older and arrested for burglary in the first degree under 4 section 569.160, or burglary in the second degree under section 569.170, or a felony offense 5 under chapter 565, 566, 567, 568, or 573; or
- 6 (3) Has been determined to be a sexually violent predator pursuant to sections 632.480 7 to 632.513; or
- 8 (4) Is an individual required to register as a sexual offender under sections 589.400 to 589.425;

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- shall have a fingerprint and blood or scientifically accepted biological sample collected for purposes of DNA profiling analysis.
- 2. Any individual subject to DNA collection and profiling analysis under this section shall provide a DNA sample:
  - (1) Upon booking at a county jail or detention facility; or
  - (2) Upon entering or before release from the department of corrections reception and diagnostic centers; or
  - (3) Upon entering or before release from a county jail or detention facility, state correctional facility, or any other detention facility or institution, whether operated by a private, local, or state agency, or any mental health facility if committed as a sexually violent predator pursuant to sections 632.480 to 632.513; or
  - (4) When the state accepts a person from another state under any interstate compact, or under any other reciprocal agreement with any county, state, or federal agency, or any other provision of law, whether or not the person is confined or released, the acceptance is conditional on the person providing a DNA sample if the person was found guilty of a felony offense in any other jurisdiction; or
- 27 (5) If such individual is under the jurisdiction of the department of corrections. Such 28 jurisdiction includes persons currently incarcerated, persons on probation, as defined in section 217.650, and on parole, as also defined in section 217.650; or
  - (6) At the time of registering as a sex offender under sections 589.400 to 589.425.

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31 3. The Missouri state highway patrol and department of corrections shall be responsible 32 for ensuring adherence to the law. Any person required to provide a DNA sample pursuant to 33 this section shall be required to provide such sample, without the right of refusal, at a collection 34 site designated by the Missouri state highway patrol and the department of corrections. 35 Authorized personnel collecting or assisting in the collection of samples shall not be liable in any 36 civil or criminal action when the act is performed in a reasonable manner. Such force may be 37 used as necessary to the effectual carrying out and application of such processes and operations. 38 The enforcement of these provisions by the authorities in charge of state correctional institutions 39 and others having custody or jurisdiction over individuals included in subsection 1 of this section 40 which shall not be set aside or reversed is hereby made mandatory. The board of probation or 41 parole shall recommend that an individual on probation or parole who refuses to provide a DNA 42 sample have his or her probation or parole revoked. In the event that a person's DNA sample is 43 not adequate for any reason, the person shall provide another sample for analysis.

- 4. The procedure and rules for the collection, analysis, storage, expungement, use of DNA database records and privacy concerns shall not conflict with procedures and rules applicable to the Missouri DNA profiling system and the Federal Bureau of Investigation's DNA databank system.
- 5. Unauthorized use or dissemination of individually identifiable DNA information in a database for purposes other than criminal justice or law enforcement is a class A misdemeanor.
  - 6. Implementation of sections 650.050 to 650.100 shall be subject to future appropriations to keep Missouri's DNA system compatible with the Federal Bureau of Investigation's DNA databank system.
  - 7. All DNA records and biological materials retained in the DNA profiling system are considered closed records pursuant to chapter 610. All records containing any information held or maintained by any person or by any agency, department, or political subdivision of the state concerning an individual's DNA profile shall be strictly confidential and shall not be disclosed, except to:
- 58 (1) Peace officers, as defined in section 590.010, and other employees of law enforcement agencies who need to obtain such records to perform their public duties;
- 60 (2) The attorney general or any assistant attorneys general acting on his or her behalf, as defined in chapter 27;
  - (3) Prosecuting attorneys or circuit attorneys as defined in chapter 56, and their employees who need to obtain such records to perform their public duties;
    - (4) The individual whose DNA sample has been collected, or his or her attorney; or
- 65 (5) Associate circuit judges, circuit judges, judges of the courts of appeals, supreme court 66 judges, and their employees who need to obtain such records to perform their public duties.

- 8. Any person who obtains records pursuant to the provisions of this section shall use such records only for investigative and prosecutorial purposes, including but not limited to use at any criminal trial, hearing, or proceeding; or for law enforcement identification purposes, including identification of human remains. Such records shall be considered strictly confidential and shall only be released as authorized by this section.
- 9. (1) An individual may request expungement of his or her DNA sample and DNA profile through the court issuing the reversal or dismissal, or through the court granting an expungement of all official records under section 568.040 as it existed prior to August 28, 2021. A certified copy of the court order establishing that such conviction has been reversed, guilty plea has been set aside, or expungement has been granted under section 568.040 as it existed prior to August 28, 2021, shall be sent to the Missouri state highway patrol crime laboratory. Upon receipt of the court order, the laboratory will determine that the requesting individual has no other qualifying offense as a result of any separate plea or conviction and no other qualifying arrest prior to expungement.
- (2) A person whose DNA record or DNA profile has been included in the state DNA database in accordance with this section and sections 650.050, 650.052, and 650.100 may request expungement on the grounds that the conviction has been reversed, the guilty plea on which the authority for including that person's DNA record or DNA profile was based has been set aside, or an expungement of all official records has been granted by the court under section 568.040 as it existed prior to August 28, 2021.
- (3) Upon receipt of a written request for expungement, a certified copy of the final court order reversing the conviction, setting aside the plea, or granting an expungement of all official records under section 568.040 **as it existed prior to August 28, 2021**, and any other information necessary to ascertain the validity of the request, the Missouri state highway patrol crime laboratory shall expunge all DNA records and identifiable information in the state DNA database pertaining to the person and destroy the DNA sample of the person, unless the Missouri state highway patrol determines that the person is otherwise obligated to submit a DNA sample. Within thirty days after the receipt of the court order, the Missouri state highway patrol shall notify the individual that it has expunged his or her DNA sample and DNA profile, or the basis for its determination that the person is otherwise obligated to submit a DNA sample.
- (4) The Missouri state highway patrol is not required to destroy any item of physical evidence obtained from a DNA sample if evidence relating to another person would thereby be destroyed.
- 100 (5) Any identification, warrant, arrest, or evidentiary use of a DNA match derived from 101 the database shall not be excluded or suppressed from evidence, nor shall any conviction be

invalidated or reversed or plea set aside due to the failure to expunge or a delay in expunging DNA records.

- 10. When a DNA sample is taken from an individual pursuant to subdivision (2) of subsection 1 of this section and the prosecutor declines prosecution and notifies the arresting agency of that decision, the arresting agency shall notify the Missouri state highway patrol crime laboratory within ninety days of receiving such notification. Within thirty days of being notified by the arresting agency that the prosecutor has declined prosecution, the Missouri state highway patrol crime laboratory shall determine whether the individual has any other qualifying offenses or arrests that would require a DNA sample to be taken and retained. If the individual has no other qualifying offenses or arrests, the crime laboratory shall expunge all DNA records in the database taken at the arrest for which the prosecution was declined pertaining to the person and destroy the DNA sample of such person.
- 11. When a DNA sample is taken of an arrestee for any offense listed under subsection 1 of this section and charges are filed:
- (1) If the charges are later withdrawn, the prosecutor shall notify the state highway patrol crime laboratory that such charges have been withdrawn;
- (2) If the case is dismissed, the court shall notify the state highway patrol crime laboratory of such dismissal;
- (3) If the court finds at the preliminary hearing that there is no probable cause that the defendant committed the offense, the court shall notify the state highway patrol crime laboratory of such finding;
- (4) If the defendant is found not guilty, the court shall notify the state highway patrol crime laboratory of such verdict.

If the state highway patrol crime laboratory receives notice under this subsection, such crime laboratory shall determine, within thirty days, whether the individual has any other qualifying offenses or arrests that would require a DNA sample to be taken. If the individual has no other qualifying arrests or offenses, the crime laboratory shall expunge all DNA records in the database

pertaining to such person and destroy the person's DNA sample.

[478.1000. 1. Criminal nonsupport courts may be established by any circuit court to provide an alternative for the criminal justice system to dispose of cases which stem from criminal nonsupport. A criminal nonsupport court shall combine judicial supervision, substance abuse treatment, education including general education development certificate (GED) programs, vocational or employment training, work programs, and support payment plans for criminal nonsupport court participants. Except for good cause found by the court, a criminal nonsupport court making a referral for education, substance abuse treatment, vocational or employment training, or work programs, when such

program will receive state or federal funds in connection with such referral, shall refer the person only to a program which is certified by a department of the state of Missouri, unless no appropriate certified program is located within the same county as the criminal nonsupport court. Upon successful completion of the education, substance abuse treatment, vocational or employment training program, work program, or support payment plan, the defendant becoming gainfully employed, or the defendant commencing payment of current and accrued support, the charges, petition, or penalty against a criminal nonsupport court participant may be dismissed, reduced, or modified. Any fees received by a court from a defendant as payment for education, substance abuse treatment, or training programs shall not be considered court costs, charges, or fines.

- 2. Each circuit court shall establish conditions for referral of proceedings to the criminal nonsupport court. The defendant in any criminal proceeding accepted by a criminal nonsupport court for disposition shall be a nonviolent person, as determined by the prosecuting attorney, and shall be subject to the conditions set forth in subsection 6 of section 568.040. Any proceeding accepted by the criminal nonsupport court program for disposition shall be upon agreement of the parties.
- 3. Any report made by the staff of the program shall not be admissible as evidence against the participant in the underlying criminal nonsupport case. Notwithstanding the foregoing, termination from the criminal nonsupport court program and the reasons for termination may be considered in sentencing or disposition.
- 4. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, eriminal nonsupport court staff shall be provided with access to all records of any state or local government agency relevant to the supervision of any program participant. Upon general request, employees of all such agencies shall fully inform criminal nonsupport court staff of all matters relevant to the supervision of the participant. All such records and reports and the contents thereof shall be treated as closed records and shall not be disclosed to any person outside of the criminal nonsupport court, and shall be maintained by the court in a confidential file not available to the public.
- 5. In order to coordinate the allocation of resources available to criminal nonsupport courts throughout the state, there is hereby established a "Criminal Nonsupport Courts Coordinating Commission" in the judicial department. The criminal nonsupport courts coordinating commission shall consist of one member selected by the director of the department of corrections; one member selected by the director of the department of social services; one member selected by the director of the department of education; one member selected by the director of the department of public safety; one member selected by the state courts administrator; one member selected by the director of the department of labor and industrial relations; three members selected by the Missouri supreme court, one being a criminal defense attorney; and one member who is a prosecuting attorney selected by the office of prosecution services. The Missouri supreme court shall

designate the chair of the commission. The commission shall periodically meet at the call of the chair; evaluate resources available for assessment and training of persons assigned to criminal nonsupport courts or for operation of criminal nonsupport courts; secure grants, funds, and other property and services necessary or desirable to facilitate criminal nonsupport court operation; and allocate such resources among the various criminal nonsupport courts operating within the state.

6. There is hereby established in the state treasury a "Criminal Nonsupport Court Resources Fund", which shall be administered by the criminal nonsupport courts coordinating commission. Funds available for allocation or distribution by the criminal nonsupport court resources fund. The state treasurer shall be the custodian of the fund and may approve disbursements from the fund in accordance with sections 30.170 and 30.180. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 33.080, moneys in the criminal nonsupport court resources fund of the state at the end of each biennium, but shall remain deposited to the credit of the criminal nonsupport court resources fund.]

[483.163. 1. Each circuit clerk, except the circuit clerk in any city not within a county, shall cooperate with the prosecuting attorney and family support division in the investigation and documentation of possible criminal nonsupport pursuant to section 568.040.

2. Other provisions of law to the contrary notwithstanding, for the performance of the duties prescribed in subsection 1 of this section, each circuit clerk, except the circuit clerk in any city not within a county, in addition to any other compensation provided by law, shall receive five thousand dollars per year beginning January 1, 1997. Such compensation shall be payable in equal installments in the same manner and at the same time as other compensation is paid to the circuit clerk.

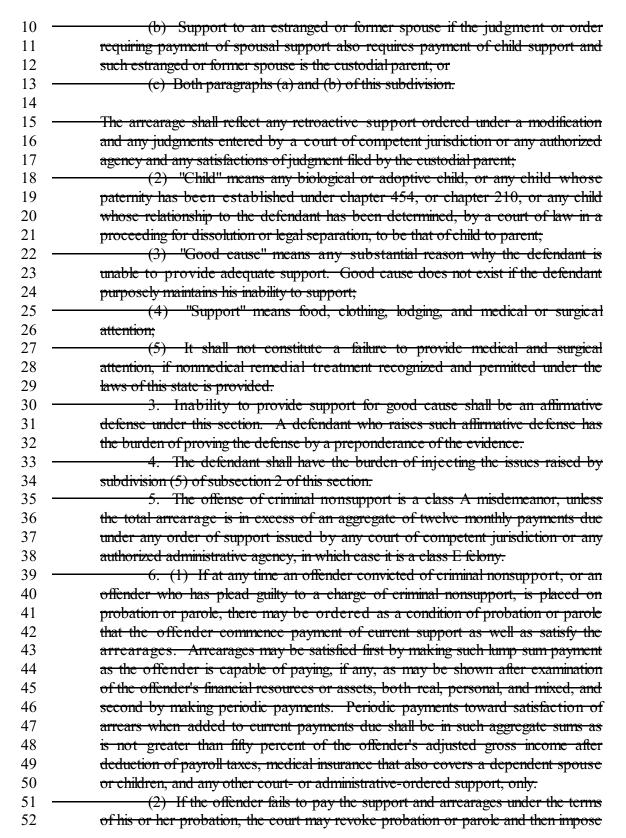
 3. For every year beginning July 1, 1998, the amount of increased compensation established in subsection 2 of this section shall be adjusted by any salary adjustment authorized pursuant to section 476.405.]

[568.040. 1. A person commits the offense of nonsupport if he or she knowingly fails to provide adequate support for his or her spouse; a parent commits the offense of nonsupport if such parent knowingly fails to provide adequate support which such parent is legally obligated to provide for his or her child or stepehild who is not otherwise emancipated by operation of law.

- 2. For purposes of this section:
- 7 (1) "Arrearage":

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(a) The amount of moneys created by a failure to provide support to a child under an administrative or judicial support order;



53 an appropriate sentence within the range for the class of offense that the offender was convicted of as provided by law, unless the offender proves good cause for 54 the failure to pay as required under subsection 3 of this section. 55 56 (3) (a) An individual whose children were the subject of a child support 57 order and the obligation of such individual to make child support payments has 58 been terminated under subsection 3 of section 452.340, who has been found guilty of a felony offense for criminal nonsupport under this section, and who has 59 successfully completed probation after a plea of guilty or conviction may petition 60 the court for expungement of all recordations of his or her arrest, plea, trial, or 61 conviction. If the court determines after hearing that such person: 62 63 a. Has not been convicted of any subsequent offense, unless such offense 64 is eligible for expungement under a different section; b. Does not have any other felony pleas of guilt, findings of guilt, or 65 convictions, unless such felony pleas of guilt, findings of guilt, or convictions are 66 eligible for expungement under a different section; 67 c. Has paid off all arrearages; and 68 69 d. Has no administrative child support actions pending at the time of the hearing on the application for expungement with respect to all children subject 70 71 to orders of payment of child support 72 the court shall enter an order of expungement. In addition, the court may 73 74 consider successful completion of a criminal nonsupport court program under 75 section 478.1000, or any other circumstances or factors deemed relevant by the 76 court. 77 (b) Upon granting the order of expungement, the records and files maintained in any court proceeding in an associate or a circuit division of the 78 79 circuit court under this section shall be confidential and only available to the parties or by order of the court for good cause shown. 80 (c) The effect of such order shall be to restore such person to the status 81 82 he or she occupied prior to such arrest, plea, or conviction, and as if such event had never taken place. No person for whom such order has been entered shall be 83 84 held thereafter under any provision of any law to be guilty of perjury or otherwise giving a false statement by reason of his or her failure to recite or acknowledge 85 such arrest, plea, trial, conviction, or expungement in response to any inquiry 86 made of him or her for any purpose whatsoever and no such inquiry shall be 87 88 made for information relating to an expungement under this section. (d) A person shall only be entitled to one expungement under this 89 section. Nothing in this section shall prevent the director of the department of 90 91 social services from maintaining such records as to ensure that an individual receives only one expungement under this section for the purpose of informing 92 93 the proper authorities of the contents of any record maintained under this section. 7. During any period that a nonviolent offender is incarecrated for 94 95 eriminal nonsupport, if the offender is ready, willing, and able to be gainfully

96 employed during said period of incarceration, the offender, if he or she meets the 97 criteria established by the department of corrections, may be placed on work 98 release to allow the offender to satisfy his or her obligation to pay support. 99 Arrearages shall be satisfied as outlined in the collection agreement. 100 8. Beginning August 28, 2009, every nonviolent first- and second-time offender then incarcerated for criminal nonsupport, who has not been previously 101 placed on probation or parole for conviction of criminal nonsupport, may be 102 considered for parole, under the conditions set forth in subsection 6 of this 103 section, or work release, under the conditions set forth in subsection 7 of this 104 105 section. 106 9. Beginning January 1, 1991, every prosecuting attorney in any county which has entered into a cooperative agreement with the family support division 107 within the department of social services regarding child support enforcement 108 109 services shall report to the division on a quarterly basis the number of charges 110 filed and the number of convictions obtained under this section by the prosecuting attorney's office on all IV-D cases. The division shall consolidate the 111 reported information into a statewide report by county and make the report 112 available to the general public. 113 114 10. Persons accused of committing the offense of nonsupport of the child 115 shall be prosecuted: 116 (1) In any county in which the child resided during the period of time for which the defendant is charged; or 117 (2) In any county in which the defendant resided during the period of 118 119 time for which the defendant is charged.