

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE BILL NO. 710

101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE DERGES.

1620H.011

DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 476, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to access to certain court records.

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

Section A. Chapter 476, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 476.1022, to read as follows:

476.1022. 1. This section shall be known and may be cited as the "Protection Act of 2021".

2. Except as provided in subsections 3 and 4 of this subsection, any official court record pertaining to a criminal conviction or any civil action including, but not limited to, cases involving traffic tickets or collection-related cases, shall not be made available to a member of the public through any state courts automated case management system if at least five years have passed since the person was convicted or since such civil action has concluded. However, such official court record may be included in any state courts automated case management system accessible to the following persons:

- (1) Court personnel;**
- (2) Law enforcement agencies;**
- (3) Judges;**
- (4) Prosecutors;**
- (5) A defendant's attorney; or**
- (6) Any other person needing access to such record if deemed necessary by the court.**

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.

17 **3. Any official court record pertaining to a case involving child pornography or**
18 **violent, sexual abuse may be made available to a member of the public through any state**
19 **courts automated case management system at any time.**

20 **4. Any official court record involving a person's inability to pay health care costs**
21 **or rent or mortgage shall not be made available to a member of the public through any**
22 **state courts automated case management system at any time.**

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