



# *State of Tennessee*

## **PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 358**

### **SENATE BILL NO. 965**

**By Gilmore, Akbari, Bowling, Robinson, Yarbrow**

Substituted for: House Bill No. 1319

By Hardaway, Beck, Freeman, Clemmons

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 40, Chapter 32 and Title 40, Chapter 35, Part 3, relative to expunction.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 40-35-302, is amended by deleting subsection (j).

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 40, Chapter 35, Part 3, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) If practicable, a judge shall, at the time of sentencing, notify a person convicted of an offense that is eligible for expunction of:

(1) The person's eligibility to have all public records of the conviction destroyed in the manner set forth in § 40-32-101; and

(2) The time period after which the person can petition for expunction of the offense.

(b) The administrative office of the courts shall provide judges handling criminal matters with a reference document listing:

(1) Each criminal offense eligible for expunction pursuant to § 40-32-101; and

(2) The time period after which each offense is eligible for expunction.

SECTION 3. This act takes effect July 1, 2021, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: April 29, 2021

  
Randy McNally  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
Cameron Sexton, Speaker  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 11<sup>th</sup> day of May 2021

  
Bill Lee, GOVERNOR