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## 2023 SENATE BILL 309

May 24, 2023 - Introduced by Senators BRADLEY, NASS, HUTTON, JACQUE and STROEBEL, cosponsored by Representatives RETTINGER, MAXEY, GUNDRUM, BEHNKE, BRANDTJEN, DITTRICH, MOSES, MURPHY, O'CONNOR and ROZAR. Referred to Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety.

1     **AN ACT** *to renumber and amend* 973.015 (1m) (b); *to amend* 302.113 (8m) (a),  
2           302.114 (8m) (a), 304.06 (3), 973.015 (1m) (a) 3. and 973.10 (2) (intro.); and *to*  
3           **create** 973.015 (1m) (b) 1. b. of the statutes; **relating to:** recommendation to  
4           revoke extended supervision, parole, or probation if a person is charged with a  
5           crime and expunging a criminal record of a crime.

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### ***Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau***

Under current law, a person who is released on extended supervision, parole, or probation is subject to conditions or rules of the release. If the person violates a condition or rule, the person is subject to sanctions for the violation, which may include revocation of release. This bill requires the Department of Corrections to recommend revoking a person's extended supervision, parole, or probation if the person is charged with a crime while on release.

Under current law, a sentencing court may order a person's criminal record expunged of a crime if the court determines that the person will benefit and society will not be harmed and if all of the following apply: 1) the maximum term of imprisonment for the crime is six years or less (Class H felony and below); 2) the person committed the crime before the age of 25; 3) if the crime is a felony, the person had not been previously convicted of a felony; and 4) the crime was not a violent felony. The bill adds that the court may not order the record expunged of a crime if the person had previously been convicted of a crime, including a crime for which the record had been expunged.

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Current law specifies that the expungement order must be made only at sentencing, and then the record is not expunged until the person completes his or her sentence. Under current law, a person is not considered to have completed his or her sentence if the person has been convicted of a subsequent offense or, if on probation, the probation was revoked and the person has not satisfied all conditions of probation. The bill adds that a person has not completed his or her sentence if criminal charges are pending against the person or, if the person was on probation, the person violated any rule or condition of the probation or at least one year has not elapsed since being placed on probation.

For further information see the state and local fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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*The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:*

1           **SECTION 1.** 302.113 (8m) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

2           302.113 **(8m)** (a) Every person released to extended supervision under this  
3 section remains in the legal custody of the department. If the department alleges  
4 that any condition or rule of extended supervision has been violated by the person,  
5 the department may take physical custody of the person for the investigation of the  
6 alleged violation. If the person is charged with a crime, the department shall  
7 recommend that the person's extended supervision be revoked.

8           **SECTION 2.** 302.114 (8m) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

9           302.114 **(8m)** (a) Every person released to extended supervision under this  
10 section remains in the legal custody of the department. If the department alleges  
11 that any condition or rule of extended supervision has been violated by the person,  
12 the department may take physical custody of the person for the investigation of the  
13 alleged violation. If the person is charged with a crime, the department shall  
14 recommend that the person's extended supervision be revoked.

15           **SECTION 3.** 304.06 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

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1           304.06 (3) Every paroled prisoner remains in the legal custody of the  
2 department unless otherwise provided by the department. If the department alleges  
3 that any condition or rule of parole has been violated by the prisoner, the department  
4 may take physical custody of the prisoner for the investigation of the alleged  
5 violation. If the department is satisfied that any condition or rule of parole has been  
6 violated, it shall afford the prisoner such administrative hearings as are required by  
7 law. If the prisoner is charged with a crime, the department shall recommend that  
8 the prisoner's parole be revoked. Unless waived by the parolee, the final  
9 administrative hearing shall be held before a hearing examiner from the division of  
10 hearings and appeals in the department of administration who is licensed to practice  
11 law in this state. The hearing examiner shall enter an order revoking or not revoking  
12 parole. Upon request by either party, the administrator of the division of hearings  
13 and appeals shall review the order. The hearing examiner may order that a  
14 deposition be taken by audiovisual means and allow the use of a recorded deposition  
15 under s. 967.04 (7) to (10). If the parolee waives the final administrative hearing, the  
16 secretary of corrections shall enter an order revoking or not revoking parole. If the  
17 examiner, the administrator upon review, or the secretary in the case of a waiver  
18 finds that the prisoner has violated the rules or conditions of parole, the examiner,  
19 the administrator upon review, or the secretary in the case of a waiver, may order the  
20 prisoner returned to prison to continue serving his or her sentence, or to continue on  
21 parole. If the prisoner claims or appears to be indigent, the department shall refer  
22 the prisoner to the authority for indigency determinations specified under s. 977.07  
23 (1).

24           **SECTION 4.** 973.015 (1m) (a) 3. of the statutes is amended to read:

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1           973.015 (1m) (a) 3. No court may order a record of conviction expunged under  
2 this subsection if the person has, in his or her lifetime, been convicted of a separate  
3 felony or a separate misdemeanor, including a conviction for which the record has  
4 been expunged under this subsection. No court may order that a record of a  
5 conviction for any of the following be expunged:

6           a. A Class H felony, ~~if the person has, in his or her lifetime, been convicted of~~  
7 ~~a prior felony offense, or if the felony that~~ is a violent offense, as defined in s. 301.048  
8 (2) (bm), or is a violation of s. 940.32, 948.03 (2), (3), or (5) (a) 1., 2., 3., or 4., or 948.095.

9           b. A Class I felony, ~~if the person has, in his or her lifetime, been convicted of a~~  
10 ~~prior felony offense, or if the felony that~~ is a violent offense, as defined in s. 301.048  
11 (2) (bm), or is a violation of s. 948.23 (1) (a).

12           **SECTION 5.** 973.015 (1m) (b) of the statutes is renumbered 973.015 (1m) (b) 1.  
13 (intro.) and amended to read:

14           973.015 (1m) (b) 1. (intro.) A person has successfully completed the sentence  
15 if all of the following apply:

16           a. The person has not been subsequently convicted of a subsequent offense and,  
17 if misdemeanor or felony.

18           c. If the person was placed on probation, the probation has not been was not  
19 revoked, the probationer did not violate any rule or condition of the probation, at  
20 least one year has elapsed since the probationer was placed on probation, and the  
21 probationer has satisfied the conditions of probation.

22           2. Upon successful completion of the sentence the detaining or probationary  
23 authority shall issue a certificate of discharge which shall be forwarded to the court  
24 of record and which shall have the effect of expunging the record. If the person has

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1       been imprisoned, the detaining authority shall also forward a copy of the certificate  
2       of discharge to the department.

3               **SECTION 6.** 973.015 (1m) (b) 1. b. of the statutes is created to read:

4               973.015 (**1m**) (b) 1. b. The person has no criminal charges pending.

5               **SECTION 7.** 973.10 (2) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

6               973.10 (**2**) (intro.) If a probationer violates the conditions of probation, the  
7       department of corrections may initiate a proceeding before the division of hearings  
8       and appeals in the department of administration. If the probationer is charged with  
9       a crime, the department shall recommend that the person's probation be revoked.  
10       Unless waived by the probationer, a hearing examiner for the division shall conduct  
11       an administrative hearing and enter an order either revoking or not revoking  
12       probation. Upon request of either party, the administrator of the division shall  
13       review the order. If the probationer waives the final administrative hearing, the  
14       secretary of corrections shall enter an order either revoking or not revoking  
15       probation. If probation is revoked, the department shall:

16               **SECTION 8. Initial applicability.**

17               (1) The treatment of ss. 302.113 (8m) (a), 302.114 (8m) (a), 304.06 (3), and  
18       973.10 (2) (intro.) first applies to charges that are filed on the effective date of this  
19       subsection.

20               (2) The treatment of s. 973.015 (1m) (a) 3. first applies to orders made at  
21       sentencing on the effective date of this subsection.

22               (3) The renumbering and amendment of s. 973.015 (1m) (b) and the creation  
23       of s. 973.015 (1m) (b) 1. b. first apply to determinations as to whether a person has

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1 successfully completed a sentence that are made on the effective date of this  
2 subsection.

3 (END)