

SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 3308

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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The Senate Judiciary Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 3308.

This bill reduces the time period, from five years to three years, which must pass before a person may seek to expunge an entire juvenile record for having been adjudged a juvenile delinquent.

Under current law, a person's entire juvenile record may qualify for expungement if: (1) five years have passed since the person was discharged from legal custody or supervision, or from entry of any other court order not involving custody or supervision; (2) for the past five years the person has not been adjudicated delinquent, subject to supervision, or convicted of a crime or disorderly persons offense, and does not have any action pending seeking a delinquency adjudication or adult conviction; (3) the person's record does not contain any adjudications for a serious or violent act which is ineligible for expungement; (4) the person has not had an adult conviction expunged; and (5) the person has not been charged with an adult crime that was dismissed after completing a supervisory treatment or other diversion program.

Under the bill, satisfaction of points (1) and (2) above would be met after a period of three years instead of the current requirement of five years.