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Expungement reform passes Assembly; Rep. Allen lauds

Representative Scott Allen (R-Waukesha) hailed the passage of expungement reform as a significant step forward for restorative justice in Wisconsin. The bill eliminates the age restriction of 25 or younger, and permits expungement at the completion of the sentence, not just at the time of sentencing.

“This is a workforce development bill as much as it is a justice reform bill,” said Rep. Allen. “This gives people a second chance and get back to work at a time when we need their help the most.”

The bill requires that all pending fines and restitution to victims be paid before expungement can be considered. It does not change which offenses are eligible for expungement. It also does not apply to individuals convicted of a prior felony.

“Justice does not require that punishment and stigmatization occur perpetually,” said Rep. Allen. “This advances Wisconsin’s expungement laws into the 21st century, better ensuring restitution will be made to the victim, and opportunity for the offender to be a productive member of society again.”

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*The 97th Assembly District includes portions of the City of Waukesha
and the Towns of Waukesha, Genesee, and Mukwonago.*