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## **Get Cleared, Chicago: The Campaign to Break the Generational Cycle of Recidivism**

**www.GetClearedToday.org**



### **Get Cleared Chicago Policy Update State Representative Chris Welch Files HB2500, "Sealing And Expungement Petition Challenge Reduction"**

**State Representative Chris Welch has filed  
HB2500, legislation prepared by formerly  
incarcerated participants of "Get Cleared Chicago",  
the campaign to break the generational cycle of  
recidivism in seven (7) Chicago neighborhoods.**

**The legislation is an outgrowth of the  
groundbreaking "Get Cleared Chicago" campaign  
launched last May, 2018 by the Monroe  
Foundation.**

**The campaign works with returning citizens to  
help them seal and/or expunge their prior arrest  
records and remove a key barrier for obtaining  
employment and other opportunities.**

**So far, 45 returning citizens have obtained their arrest records (rap sheets).**

**25 have petitioned the Clerk of Cook County Dorothy Brown with the cooperation of  
Chief Circuit Court Judge Timothy Evans and the Cook County State's attorney's  
office to have their arrest records sealed or expunged.**

**HB2500 seeks to change legislation to reduce the time allotted for a challenge to  
those petitions. Below is the link to HB2500:**

**[Http://ilga.gov/legislation/BillStatus.asp?](http://ilga.gov/legislation/BillStatus.asp?DocTypeID=HB&DocNum=2500&GAID=15&SESSIONID=108&LegID=118537)**

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