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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: HB 1118

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SUBJECT: Expungement.

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BILL STATUS: As Passed House

FIRST SPONSOR: Sen. Freeman

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: The bill repeals and replaces the existing adult expungement statute with a new expungement process that makes certain changes to: (1) time periods for filing expungement; (2) crimes that are eligible for expungement; and (3) other procedural matters relating to expungement. It adds a provision concerning the expungement of juvenile arrest records.

Effective Date: July 1, 2026.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues: If additional civil cases occur and court fees are collected, revenue to the state General Fund will increase. Expungements are civil cases, but must be filed in a circuit or superior court. The following linked document describes the fees and distribution of the revenue: [Court fees imposed in civil, probate, and small claims cases.](#)

Explanation of Local Expenditures: The bill will have an indeterminate impact on court caseload as it makes various changes to the adult expungement statutes, both broadening and narrowing eligibility for certain offenses and individuals. However, the bill eliminates the one-per-lifetime limit for expungement petitions (potentially allowing a later expungement petition, if filed in a different county), which may increase the number of expungement cases filed.

Additional Information: The bill makes various other changes, impacting which expungements would be sealed rather than marked expunged and which expungements would no longer require victim notification or allow court discretion. No expungement would require written consent from the prosecuting attorney.

Explanation of Local Revenues: If additional cases occur, revenue will be collected by certain local units. Expungements are civil cases, but must be filed in a circuit or superior court. The following linked document describes the fees and distribution of the revenue: [Court fees imposed in civil, probate, and small claims cases.](#)

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: Trial courts, city and town courts.

Information Sources: Indiana Supreme Court; Indiana Trial Court Fee Manual;
<https://www.in.gov/courts/iocs/files/pubs-trial-court-courtmgmt-expungement-detailed.pdf>

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