Senate Bill 640

Sponsored by Senator RILEY

SUMMARY

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Directs Governor or designee to notify presiding judge of circuit court of county of conviction within 10 days of granting certain pardons. Directs presiding judge to, upon receipt of notification, issue order sealing record of conviction and other official records of case. Directs Governor or designee to review past pardons to determine if person qualifies for sealing of records. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

2 Relating to pardons; and prescribing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. (1) When the Governor grants a pardon for a person who, during the 10 years prior to the pardon, had no criminal convictions, the Governor or the Governor's designee shall within 10 days notify the presiding judge of the circuit court of the county in which the pardoned conviction occurred.

(2) Upon receipt of the notification described in subsection (1) of this section, the presiding judge shall issue an order sealing the record of the pardoned conviction and other official records in the case, including the records of arrest, citation or charge. The clerk of the court shall forward a certified copy of the order to such agencies as directed by the court.

SECTION 2. (1) Section 1 of this 2019 Act applies to pardons granted before, on or after the effective date of this 2019 Act.

(2) Within one year of the effective date of this 2019 Act, the Governor or the Governor's designee shall review pardons granted prior to the effective date of this 2019 Act and, if the pardoned person qualifies for the sealing of records under section 1 of this 2019 Act, notify the presiding judge of the circuit court of the county in which the pardoned conviction occurred.

SECTION 3. This 2019 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2019 regular session of the Eightieth Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.

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