



## Open Government Impact Statement

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## Measure: SB 640

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### SUMMARY

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.

### OPEN GOVERNMENT IMPACT

Legislative Counsel has not adopted standards for drafting measures that establish exemptions from disclosure of public records.

This measure requires a presiding judge to seal the record of a pardoned conviction and other official records in the case, provided the person had no criminal convictions during the 10 years prior to the pardon.

If those public records that could be subject to public disclosure were instead subject to mandatory disclosure under public records law, the public could gain additional information related to convictions that were later pardoned. However, convictions for which a pardon was issued could continue to negatively impact the individual after having been pardoned.