A bill to be entitled

An act relating to criminal records; amending s. 943.059, F.S.; providing that a court may grant the sealing of a criminal record based on the sealing of a criminal record sealed by the Department of Law Enforcement under certain circumstances; requiring the Department of Law Enforcement to provide a certificate of eligibility under certain circumstances; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Paragraph (f) is added to subsection (1) of section 943.059, Florida Statutes, to read:

943.059 Court-ordered sealing of criminal history records.—

(1) ELIGIBILITY.—A person is eligible to petition a court to seal a criminal history record when:

(f) The criminal history record was automatically sealed pursuant to s. 943.0595 and the subject of the sealed record presents proof of the sealing by the department to the court. The court may grant the sealing of a criminal history record that was sealed by the department pursuant to s. 943.0595 at any time and without limitation based on any prior sealing of a subject's criminal records. The department shall issue a

certificate of eligibility for sealing upon request to a person who is the subject of a criminal history record sealed by the department pursuant to s. 943.0595.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2022.

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