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SUMMARY OF GOVERNOR PATRICK'S PROPOSED CORI REFORM BILL

AN ACT TO REDUCE RECIDIVISM BY INCREASING EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

1. Expand the composition of the Criminal History Systems Board (CHSB) to include crime victims, employers, workforce developers, and ex-offender rehabilitation providers.
2. The CHSB shall have the authority to hear complaints alleging that criminal records have been unlawfully disseminated or obtained, and to impose civil fines not to exceed five thousand dollars for each knowing violation.
3. The secretary of public safety will appoint an executive director who is responsible for data processing and management of CORI information.
4. Private employers not required by law to check criminal records, shall not receive records from the CHSB that are eligible to be sealed.
5. Any person who knowingly requests, obtains, uses, sells, communicates CORI reports under false pretenses, or willfully falsifies any criminal records, shall be fined up to five thousand dollars, or imprisoned in a jail for not more than one year, or both.
6. Reduce the waiting period to seal a felony conviction from 15 years to 10 years, dependent on good behavior during those 10 years.
7. Reduce the waiting period to seal a misdemeanor from 10 years to 5 years, dependent on good behavior during those 5 years.
8. Sex offenses shall never be eligible for sealing.
9. Criminal justice agencies retain immediate access to any sealed adult or juvenile CORI