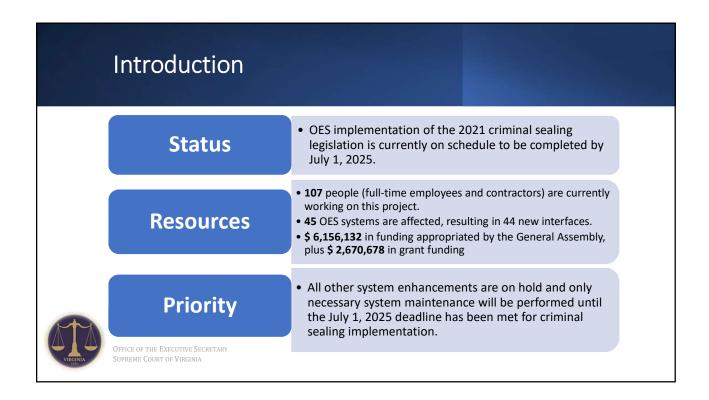
Sealing of Criminal Court Records 2024 Update Alisa W. Padden Director of Legislative and Public Relations Office of the Executive Secretary Supreme Court of Virginia







Automatic Sealing of Offenses Resulting in Acquittal, Nolle Prosequi or Dismissal (§ 19.2-392.8)



VSP-Initiated Sealing (§§ 19,2-392.7 and 19.2-392.11)



Petition-Initiated Sealing in Circuit Court (§ 19.2-392.12)



Traffic Infractions Deemed Sealed After 11 Years (§ 19.2-392.17)





Sealing Orchestration Service (SOS)

 Once a sealing order is entered/scanned by the clerk, the SOS will find and seal case information in OES systems and facilitate the transfer of sealed case information through required interfaces.

Algorithms to Find and Seal Transferred and Appealed Cases

 Exception reports will be generated for clerks of court to manually review and seal cases that cannot be matched automatically.

Internal OES System Interfaces

- 9 OES systems will interface with the SOS, including the new RMS sealing gateway.
- RMS Sealing Gateway will interface with 14 OES systems, including the SOS.

External OES Sealing Interfaces

- VSP Bridge interfaces with the SOS and the VSP
- Fairfax Bridge Interfaces with the SOS

Other Automated Systems/Reports

 Fines/Costs Collection Systems, Electronic Payment of Vouchers, Interfaces with DOC, etc.

Challenges: Project Costs

The scope and complexity of the project has increased throughout the requirements analysis and design process





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Challenges: Additional Funding Needed

OES is requesting \$2,985,674 in additional funding for:

- IT Contract Resources
 - Supporting critical areas of development for the July 1, 2025 implementation
 - · Detecting and resolving post-deployment problems
 - Implementing automated solutions for issues that will be initially managed through manual intervention
 - Generating reports for clerks of court at all court levels to assist with management of sealing processes
- Staff (3) in the Department of Judicial Services to provide training and guidance to court personnel, test systems, update procedural manuals and system user guides, and interface with VSP to resolve process issues



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Challenges: Legislative Amendments Needed

Amendments to the legislation are needed to resolve implementation issues for the court system.

 Legislation has been recommended by the Judicial Council of Virginia and the Committee on District Courts for 2025 that addresses implementation issues affecting the court system.



