

Progress on Automated Sealing

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Status of Automated Sealing

 The 2025 Session of the Virginia General Assembly directs the Virginia State Police to implement automatic sealing of specific criminal history records as outlined in §19.2-392.5 through §19.2-392.17 of the Code of Virginia, by **July 1, 2026.**

Status of Automated Sealing

- VSP is on track to meet the July 1, 2026 legislative mandate
 - Ongoing collaboration with interface partners (OES, Fairfax, DMV);
 - Development and preliminary testing for:
 - Automatic sealing without a court order
 - Seal Order notifications
 - Seal Order dissemination log
 - Seal Order petitioner portal
 - Rap Back enhancements

Vendor Update

- On August 5, 2025, VSP issued a Notice of Breach to the cloud-based CCH solutions provider, Voyatek. Voyatek responded to the notice and contested VSP's grounds of termination. On October 7th, VSP issued a notice of contract termination. In October and November, VSP's outside counsel, in coordination with the OAG, successfully negotiated an agreed contract termination with Voyatek. The final settlement terms are still being drafted by the lawyers, for signature by authorized representatives of VSP and Voyatek.
- To ensure compliance with legislative mandates, VSP quickly executed a strategic pivot to an Internal Solution to deliver a Minimum Viable Product (MVP) solution to meet ALL mandated deadlines. This new effort includes the modernization of systems running on updated infrastructure.
- This dual-focus strategy allows VSP to meet legislative requirements promptly while simultaneously building a modern, sustainable solution internally.

Status of Budget

 CCH Sealing project, including critical system updates for CATS and MNI, are sufficiently funded at this time.

 CCH Sealing is on track to deliver legislative mandates by July and October 2026.

Critical system updates will be completed by October 2027.

Initial Workload Estimates

 Automatic Sealing of offenses resulting in a conviction (19.2-392.6): 112,231

 Automatic sealing of misdemeanor offenses resulting in nolle prosequi, dismissal, or acquittal for persons with no convictions (19.2-392.11): 942,143



Petition Estimates (max workload)

Petition-based Sealing (19.2-392.12)*

of individuals with a class 5 felony conviction: 32,643

of individuals with a class 6 felony conviction: 34,004

of individuals with a conviction of 18.2-95, 18.2-98, 18.2-108, 18.2-111, 18.2-117, or 18.2-178: **53,758**

of individuals with a single misdemeanor conviction: 612,998



Additional Staffing Considerations

- VSP has identified additional workload in the CCRE for tasks that will lead to more staffing requests:
 - Business Screening Services account management
 - Manual research of correctional history data for sealing
 - Manual research of out-of-state records
 - Manual research of records where there is no match to the seal order or there are multiple matches
 - Manual review of records requested through the seal petitioner portal



Sealing Petition Portal

- The process for an individual to obtain a copy of their own criminal history record will remain the same (SP-167).
- When a seal petition is filed, the petitioner can request their criminal history record through an <u>online portal</u>, which is sent electronically to the Circuit Court where the hearing will be held.
 - This process will require validating the court case number and other vital fields.



Expungements

- Expungements currently have a backlog of petitions and orders awaiting processing.
- Expungements of criminal history records increased 10.5% from 2023 to 2024 and are on track for an additional 19% increase from 2024 to 2025.
- This workflow still involves manually processing petitions received by mail, sending the CHRI to the court, and receiving the completed order back from the courts.

Questions

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