

HB 710 -- PROTECTION ACT OF 2021

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This bill establishes the "Protection Act of 2021", which provides that official court records pertaining to certain criminal convictions or civil actions must not be made available to any member of the public through any State Courts Automated Case Management System if five years have passed from the person's conviction or from the conclusion of the civil action. The bill specifies certain individuals who will still have access to such records.

The bill also specifies that any official record pertaining to a case involving child pornography or violent, sexual abuse may be made available to members of the public through any state courts automated case management system at any time. Any official record related to a person's inability to pay health care costs or rent or mortgage must not be made available to any member of the public through any state courts automated case management system at any time.

This bill is similar to HB 146 (2021) and HB 1221 (2019).