



# *ENACTMENT SUMMARY*

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## **Senate Bill 214**

Record expungement for human trafficking victims  
Effective October 24, 2024

On July 24, 2024, Governor DeWine signed into law Senate Bill 214 (Sen. Kunze). The bill expands access to record expungement for victims of human trafficking.

Existing law (and continuing under the bill) allows for the expungement of records of convictions for violations of R.C. 2907.24 (soliciting), 2907.241 (loitering to engage in solicitation), and 2907.25 (prostitution) if the applicant's participation in those offenses was a result of having been a victim of human trafficking. The bill expands the offenses for which a victim of human trafficking can seek expungement, allowing now for the expungement of any misdemeanor or felony of the fourth or fifth degree, for applicants who demonstrate by clear and convincing evidence that their participation in the offense was a result of their being a victim of human trafficking.

The bill passed the Ohio Senate on April 24, 2024 by a vote of 32-0 and the Ohio House of Representatives on June 26, 2024 by a vote of 97-1. It was signed into law on July 24 and becomes effective on October 24, 2024.