



CHAPTER 15A
ARTICLE 5 - EXPUNCTION OF RECORDS

N.C.G.S. § 15A-145.8.

Expunction of records when charges are remanded to district court for juvenile adjudication.

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- § 15A-145.8(a)

Upon remand pursuant to G.S. 7B-2200(c) or G.S. 7B-2200.5(d) or removal pursuant to G.S. 15A-960, the court shall order expunction of all remanded or removed charges. The effect of an expunction under this section is governed by G.S. 15A-153.
- § 15A-145.8(b)

The court shall also order the expunction of DNA records when the person's charges have been remanded or removed to district court for juvenile adjudication and the person's DNA record or profile has been included in the State DNA Database and the person's DNA sample is stored in the State DNA Databank as a result of the charges that were remanded or removed. The order of expungement shall include the name and address of the defendant and the defendant's attorney and shall direct the North Carolina State Crime Laboratory to send a letter documenting expungement as required by subsection (c) of this section.
- § 15A-145.8(c)

Upon receiving an order of expungement entered pursuant to subsection (b) of this section, the North Carolina State Crime Laboratory shall purge the DNA record and all other identifying information from the State DNA Database and the DNA sample stored in the State DNA Databank covered by the order, except that the order shall not apply to other offenses committed by the individual that qualify for inclusion in the State DNA Database and the State DNA Databank. A letter documenting expungement of the DNA record and destruction of the DNA sample shall be sent

by the North Carolina State Crime Laboratory to the defendant and the defendant's attorney at the address specified by the court in the order of expungement.

§ 15A-145.8(d) Upon order of expungement, the clerk shall send a certified copy of the expungement order to the defendant, the defendant's attorney, the Administrative Office of the Courts, and the State and local agencies listed in G.S. 15A-150(b). An agency receiving a certified copy of an order under this subsection shall delete any public records made as a result of the charges that have been remanded to district court for juvenile adjudication, in accordance with G.S. 15A-150. Any records related to the juvenile adjudication shall not be deleted but shall be maintained as confidential records pursuant to Article 30 of Chapter 7B of the General Statutes. (2019-186, s. 11; 2019-243, s. 21(a); 2024-17, s. 3(c); 2025-25, s. 31(i).)

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APPARATUS II
6 AUTHORITIES

Authorities referenced

Every G.S. cross-reference appearing in the text of this section, in order of first appearance. Nothing is characterized; the operative language is quoted from the section itself.

REFERENCE	APPEARS IN	OPERATIVE LANGUAGE IN THIS SECTION
G.S. 7B-2200(c)	(a)	<i>"Upon remand pursuant to"</i>
G.S. 7B-2200.5(d)	(a)	<i>"remand pursuant to G.S. 7B-2200(c) or"</i>
G.S. 15A-960	(a)	<i>"G.S. 7B-2200.5(d) or removal pursuant to"</i>
G.S. 15A-153	(a)	<i>"under this section is governed by"</i>
G.S. 15A-150(b)	(d)	<i>"State and local agencies listed in"</i>
G.S. 15A-150	(d)	<i>"for juvenile adjudication, in accordance with"</i>

APPARATUS III

Citation

FULL SECTION

N.C. Gen. Stat. § 15A-145.8 (2026).

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