

## **Two ‘Second Chance Law’ forums set for Fort Wayne on Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>**

**Fort Wayne** – The Fort Wayne Commission on the Social Status of African American Males will host informational meetings on Thursday, Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> regarding House Bill 1482. The bill, which is more commonly known as Indiana’s “Second Chance Law”, allows individuals who qualify to petition the court to have their criminal records expunged.

“The Second Chance Law is designed to assist persons who were arrested and convicted of certain crimes to conceal or expunge their criminal records in order to complete their reentry back into their community,” said James Garrett, Executive Director of the Indiana Commission on the Social Status of Black Males. “The hope is this second chance will provide individuals an opportunity to fulfill their personal potential and live a productive life.”

Provided below is the time and location for each forum:

### **10:00 a.m.**

IPFW / Walb Union Ballroom  
2101 East Coliseum Blvd  
Fort Wayne, IN

### **5:30 p.m.**

Turner Chapel AME Church  
836 E. Jefferson Blvd  
Fort Wayne, IN

The forums are free and open to the public. Attorneys will be present to answer questions and provide information on the guidelines, process and various legal aspects regarding the new bill. Attendees are encouraged to bring pertinent documents if they have inquiries about their personal circumstances.

[Click here to view a program flyer.](#)

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The Indiana Commission on the Social Status of Black Males studies the social conditions of the state's black male population, develop strategies to remedy or assist in remedying serious adversities, and make recommendations to improve the educational, social, economic, employment, and other circumstances for Hoosiers. The Commission serves policymakers and public interest groups, as well as the media, community organizations and members of the general public.