



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

Bill Analysis

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(As Introduced)

Reps. Letson and Huffman, Murray, Blessing, Derickson, Grossman, Boose, Balderson, Evans, Domenick, Gardner, Combs

BILL SUMMARY

- Requires the Superintendent of the Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation to establish and operate on the internet a database that contains specified information for every offender in Ohio who within the ten-year period before the bill's effective date or at any time thereafter was or is convicted of or pleaded or pleads guilty to committing a felony offense against a person who was under 18 years of age at the time the offense was committed.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Database of offenders who commit felonies against minors

The bill requires the Superintendent of the Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation, within 90 days after the bill's effective date, to establish and operate on the internet a database that contains information for every offender in Ohio who within the ten-year period before the bill's effective date or at any time thereafter was or is convicted of or pleaded or pleads guilty to committing a felony offense against a person who was under 18 years of age at the time the offense was committed. The database must include, for each offender, at least the following information (R.C. 109.942(A)):

- (1) The offender's name and date of birth;
- (2) The name of each felony offense committed within that period of time, the Revised Code section of which the offense is a violation, the gender of each victim of the offense if those facts are known, the range of the possible prison terms or terms of imprisonment that could have been imposed for the offense, the actual prison term or term of imprisonment imposed for the offense, the county in which the offense was committed, the date on which the inmate began serving the prison term or term of

imprisonment imposed for the offense, and either the date on which the inmate will be eligible for parole relative to the offense if the prison term or term of imprisonment is an indefinite term or life term or the date on which the term ends or ended if the prison term is a definite term or the term of imprisonment has ended.

The bill requires that the Superintendent update the database every 24 hours to ensure that the information it contains is accurate and current (R.C. 109.942(B)(1)).

The bill provides that the database is a public record open for inspection under the Public Records Law, must be searchable by the offender's name and by the county in which the offense was committed, may not include information that identifies or enables the identification of any victim of any offense committed by an offender, and may not include an offender's Social Security number or the name of any school or institution of higher education attended by any offender (R.C. 109.942(B)(2), (3), and (4)).

HISTORY

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