



## *Synopsis of Senate Committee Amendments\**

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Modified the provisions of the House-passed version of the bill that provide an affirmative defense for a person who is required to comply with the Sex Offender Registration and Notification (SORN) Law's change of address provisions and who fails to do so because the person did not have knowledge of the change before the expiration of the deadline for compliance, to specify that the person must provide the required notice and re-register "as soon as possible, but no later than the end of the next business day, after learning of the new address" (the House-passed version required the person to provide the required notice and re-register "as soon as possible after learning of the new address").

Added to the bill provisions that:

(1) Include any person adjudicated a sexual predator within the SORN Law's registration and notification requirements.

(2) Grant prosecuting attorneys, municipal and township chief legal officers, and officials designated as prosecutors in a municipal corporation a cause of action for injunctive relief when an offender required to register under the SORN Law violates its prohibition against residing within 1,000 feet of any school premises.

(3) Clarify the SORN Law's criminal penalty provisions to ensure that they apply to offenders whose duties under that Law are based on a conviction that occurred in a jurisdiction other than Ohio.

(4) Clarify that the Sexually Violent Predator Sentencing Law does not require that an offender have a prior conviction of a sexually violent offense in order to be sentenced under that Law.

(5) Extend the minimum term portion of the indefinite life sentence imposed under the Sexually Violent Predator Sentencing Law for the offense of kidnapping to require the court to impose an indefinite prison term consisting of a minimum term fixed

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\* This synopsis does not address amendments that may have been adopted on the Senate floor.

by the court that is not less than eight years and a maximum term of life imprisonment when kidnapping is a felony of the second degree and to require the court to impose an indefinite prison term consisting of a minimum term fixed by the court that is not less than ten years and a maximum term of life imprisonment when kidnapping is a felony of the first degree.

(6) Extend the minimum term portion of the indefinite life sentence imposed under the Sexually Violent Predator Sentencing Law for the offense of rape when a life term is not imposed to require the court to impose an indefinite prison term consisting of a minimum term fixed by the court that is not less than ten years, and a maximum term of life imprisonment.

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