



*Synopsis of House Committee Amendments**

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Registration

Requires the completed registration form to include a statement that all information on the form is accurate and to include the date on which the offender or delinquent child committed each sexually oriented offense or child-victim oriented offense that is the basis of the registration.

Limits the scope of the registration provisions regarding motor vehicles owned or registered in the name of an offender or delinquent child who is a sexual predator or a child-victim predator to those motor vehicles registered in the name of the offender or delinquent child and additionally requires the offender or delinquent child to include the make, model, year, and color of each motor vehicle registered in the offender's or delinquent child's name, and any other identifying information that the sheriff requires for each motor vehicle of that nature.

Periodic address verification

Modifies the deadline imposed upon offenders and delinquent children who are sexually oriented offenders, habitual sex offenders, child-victim oriented offenders, and habitual child-victim offenders for address verification under the SORN Law from a requirement that the offender or delinquent child verify the address on each anniversary of the offender's or delinquent child's initial registration date to a requirement that the offender or delinquent child verify the address each year on the date that is ten days before that anniversary.

Additionally requires the offender or delinquent child to include on the verification form the date on which the offender or delinquent child committed each sexually oriented offense or child-victim offense that is the basis of the registration and, for every verification on or after the bill's effective date, the identification license plate number, make, model, year, and color of each motor vehicle registered in the offender's

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

or delinquent child's name, and any other identifying information that the sheriff requires for each motor vehicle that is registered in the offender's or delinquent child's name.

Victim and community notification

Expands the Sex Offender Registration and Notification (SORN) Law's victim and community notification provisions to apply to all persons who commit a sexually oriented offense or child-victim oriented offense on or after the bill's effective date and expressly states that the victim and community notification provisions apply to persons who are convicted of or plead guilty to an aggravated sexually oriented offense on or after June 13, 2002.

Permits an offender who is subject to the SORN Law's community notification provisions, the prosecuting attorney of the county where the offender was convicted, and the sentencing judge or the judge's successor in office to make a motion for the suspension of those community notification provisions regarding the offender; authorizes the court to suspend the application of those provisions if the offender proves by clear and convincing evidence that the offender is unlikely to commit in the future a sexually oriented offense or a child-victim oriented offense and if the judge finds that the suspension is in the interests of justice; provides that a motion of this nature initially may be made after the offender has been subjected to those provisions after 20 years, and every five years thereafter; and specifies types of offenders who are not eligible for suspension.

Registration fees

Authorizes a county sheriff to charge a fee, subject to annual monetary limits, each time an "adult offender" registers, registers a new residence address, or makes a periodic verification of current residence address under the SORN Law.

Prohibits a sheriff from requiring a delinquent child to pay the above fees until the child reaches 18 years of age, at which time, the bill's provisions applicable to an adult offender must be construed to apply to the delinquent child.

Specifies that the above fees are to be used to defray the costs of registering sex offenders and child-victim offenders and providing community notification under the SORN Law.

Requires a county sheriff to use federal poverty guidelines to determine a person's ability to pay a fee and to waive the fee for persons whose income is less than 125% of the federal poverty level.

Establishes the following monetary limits on fees permitted to be charged an adult offender under the bill: (1) for sexual predators, child-victim predators and aggravated sexually oriented offenders, not more than \$100 per registration year, (2) for habitual sex offenders who are subject to community notification and habitual child-victim offenders



who are subject to community notification, not more than \$50 per registration year, and (3) for all other persons subject to the SORN Law, not more than \$25 per registration year.

Prohibits a sheriff from refusing to register a person, register a new address, or verify a residence address under the SORN Law because a person does not pay a fee.

Specifies the procedure for collecting unpaid fees.

Information dissemination through the internet dissemination by the sheriff

Subject to limitations regarding the internet dissemination of SORN Law records regarding delinquent children, authorizes a sheriff to publicly disseminate or cause to be publicly disseminated by means of the internet a notice containing the same information that is provided in the community notification provisions or specified other SORN Law-related records the sheriff possesses.

Sex offender and child-victim offender tracking program

Requires the Attorney General to establish and operate a Sex Offender Tracking Program, using the information contained in the State Registry of Sex Offenders and to publicly disseminate or cause to be publicly disseminated by means of the internet the information contained in the Tracking Program, including, but not limited to, a notice containing the information contained in the notice the sheriff sends under the SORN Law's community notification provisions.

Provides that any information that is contained in the Sex Offender Tracking Program and that is disseminated is not subject to the general provision that the information the Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation has regarding sex offenders and child-victim offenders is not a public record open to public inspection.

Additional uses of Crime Victims Reparations Fund

Authorizes the Crime Victims Reparations Fund to additionally be used to pay the actual costs associated with initiatives by the Attorney General for the apprehension, prosecution, and accountability of offenders, and the enhancing of services to crime victims, but limits the amount of payments made pursuant to this provision during any given fiscal year to not more than five per cent of the balance of the Fund at the close of the immediately previous fiscal year.

Expands the scope of the Attorney General's report to the Governor and the leadership of the General Assembly regarding the Ohio Crime Victims Compensation Program to include the amount of payments made for the payment of costs of administering a DNA specimen collection procedure and the costs described in the preceding paragraph.

Sex Offender Technology Fund

Creates in the State Treasury the Sex Offender Technology Fund, which is to be administered by the Attorney General, and is to be used for the following purposes: (1) the establishment and operation by the Attorney General of the Sex Offender and Child-Victim Offender Tracking Program, including, if applicable, any costs associated with publicly disseminating or causing to be publicly disseminated by means of the internet the information contained in the Program; and (2) the making of payments to sheriffs for their costs in publicly disseminating or causing to be publicly disseminated by means of the internet certain SORN Law-related information or in performing specified duties imposed upon sheriffs by the SORN Law.

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