



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

Bill Analysis

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(As Introduced)

Reps. Ruhl, Bishoff, Grossman, Hill, Sweeney

BILL SUMMARY

- Requires that an offender or delinquent child who must register with a sheriff for committing a sexually oriented or child-victim oriented offense as a result of residing in or being temporarily domiciled in Ohio provide a list of adults who live at the registrant's intended place of residence.
- Requires the sheriff to notify the persons on the list that that registrant has committed a sexually oriented or child-victim oriented offense.
- Prohibits the offender from tampering with or destroying the notice.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Registration and notification

The bill adds to the registration and notification requirements of the Sex Offender Registration and Notification (SORN) Law.

The SORN Law requires that a person convicted of a sexually oriented offense or a child-victim oriented offense or adjudicated a delinquent child for committing one of those offenses register with the sheriff of the county in which the person resides, is temporarily domiciled, works for a specified amount of time, or attends school or an institution of higher education.¹ The registration form must include the registrant's name, Social Security number, date of birth, contact information, and other specified information. The bill requires that a person who registers as a result of residing in Ohio or temporarily being domiciled in Ohio for more than three days also provide a list of

¹ R.C. 2950.04(A)(2), (3), and (4) and 2950.041(A)(2), (3), and (4).

every other person who is 18 or older and who resides at the residence at which the offender plans to reside.²

Under continuing law, after a person registers, the sheriff must forward the registration form and other material to the Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation for inclusion in the state sex offender registry and must give notice of the registration to law enforcement agencies having jurisdiction over a school, institution of higher education, or place of employment listed on the form. The bill adds a requirement that the sheriff send a notice, enclosed in an envelope, to every other person who is 18 or older and who resides at the same place where the registrant plans to reside that registrant has committed a sexually oriented or child-victim oriented offense.³

Tampering with notice

Under the bill, a registrant who tampers with or destroys a notice mailed pursuant to the bill's new notification requirement commits a felony of the fifth degree, which is punishable by a maximum prison term of 12 months, a maximum fine of \$2,500, or both.⁴

COMMENT

In both of the provisions requiring a registrant to list the names of adults who live at the registrant's intended place of residence, the bill twice refers to the "offender or delinquent child" but in a third reference mentions only the offender. "Delinquent child" should be added to the third reference.⁵

HISTORY

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² R.C. 2950.04(C)(11) and 2950.041(C)(12).

³ R.C. 2950.04(D).

⁴ R.C. 2950.99(D), 2929.14(A)(5), not in the bill, and 2929.18(A)(3)(e), not in the bill.

⁵ R.C. 2950.04(C)(11) and 2950.041(C)(12).

