

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL NO. 556

By: Herbert of the Senate

and

Paulk of the House

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to criminal justice; amending 57 O.S. 1991, Section 584, as last amended by Section 2, Chapter 347, O.S.L. 1998 (57 O.S. Supp. 1998, Section 584), which relates to the Sex Offenders Registration Act; requiring certain notice to district attorney under certain circumstances; authorizing verification of compliance with certain program; creating a program to track certain offenders for certain term; requiring the Department of Corrections to administer program; stating purpose; providing for codification; and declaring an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 57 O.S. 1991, Section 584, as last amended by Section 2, Chapter 347, O.S.L. 1998 (57 O.S. Supp. 1998, Section 584), is amended to read as follows:

Section 584. A. The registration with the Department of Corrections required by the Sex Offenders Registration Act, Section 581 et seq. of this title, shall be in a form approved by the Department of Corrections and shall include the following information about the person registering:

1. The person's name and all aliases used or under which the person has been known;
2. A complete description of the person, including a photograph and fingerprints, and when requested by the Department of Corrections, such registrant shall submit to a blood test for purposes of a deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) profile. Submission to

testing for individuals registering shall be within thirty (30) days of registration. All individuals registered pursuant to the Sex Offenders Registration Act on July 1, 1997, shall provide a blood sample by October 1, 1997. Registrants who already have valid samples on file in the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation (OSBI) DNA Offender Database shall not be required to submit duplicate samples for testing;

3. The offenses listed in Section 582 of this title of which the person has been convicted or for which the person received a suspended sentence, where the offense was committed, where the person was convicted or received the suspended sentence, and the name under which the person was convicted or received the suspended sentence;

4. The name and location of each hospital or penal institution to which the person was committed for each offense listed in Section 582 of this title; and

5. Where the person resides, how long the person has resided there, how long the person expects to reside there, and how long the person expects to remain in the county and in the State of Oklahoma. The Department of Corrections shall conduct address verification of the sex offender on an annual basis by mailing a nonforwardable verification form to the last reported address of the person. The person shall return the verification form in person to the local law enforcement agency of that jurisdiction within ten (10) days after receipt of the form and may be photographed by the local law enforcement agency at that time. The local law enforcement agency shall forward the form to the Oklahoma Department of Corrections within three (3) days after receipt of the form. The verification form shall be signed by the person and state the current address of the person. Failure to return the verification form shall be a violation of this act. If the offender has been determined to be a habitual sex offender by the Department of Corrections, the address

verification shall be conducted every ninety (90) days. The Department of Corrections shall notify the district attorney's office and local law enforcement agency of the appropriate county, within forty-five (45) days if unable to verify the address of a sex offender. A local law enforcement agency ~~may~~ shall notify the district attorney's office whenever it comes to the attention of the local law enforcement agency that a sex offender is not in compliance with any provisions of ~~this act~~ the Sex Offenders Registration Act. The local law enforcement agency may periodically verify that any person required to register pursuant to the Sex Offenders Registration Act has complied with the provisions of the act.

B. Conviction data and fingerprints shall be transmitted at the time of registration to the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation (OSBI) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) if the state has not previously sent the information at the time of conviction.

C. The registration with the local law enforcement authority required by this act shall be in a form approved by the local law enforcement authority and shall include the following information about the person registering:

1. The person's full name, alias, date of birth, sex, race, height, weight, eye color, social security number, driver license number, and home address; and

2. A description of the offense for which the offender was convicted, the date of the conviction, and the sentence imposed, if applicable.

For purposes of this section, "local law enforcement authority" means the municipal police department, if the person resides or intends to reside or stay within the jurisdiction of any municipality of this state; or, the county sheriff, if the person resides or intends to reside or stay at any place outside the jurisdiction of any municipality within this state.

D. Any person subject to the provisions of the Sex Offenders Registration Act who changes an address shall give written notification of the new address to the Department of Corrections within ten (10) business days after the change of address and the local law enforcement authority within three (3) business days after the change of address.

E. The Department of Corrections shall maintain a file of all sex offender registrations. A copy of the information contained in the registration shall be available to state, county and municipal law enforcement agencies. Said file shall be made available for public inspection or copying pursuant to rules promulgated by the Department of Corrections and may be made available through Internet access. The Department of Corrections shall provide all municipal police departments and all county sheriff departments a list of those sex offenders registered and living in their county.

F. Each local law enforcement agency shall make its sex offender registry available upon request.

When a law enforcement agency sends a copy of or otherwise makes the sex offender registry available to any public or private school offering any combination of prekindergarten through twelfth grade classes or child care facility licensed by the state, the agency shall provide a notice using the following or similar language: "A person whose name appears on this registry has been convicted of a sex offense. Continuing to employ a person whose name appears on this registry may result in civil liability for the employer."

G. Samples of blood for DNA testing required by subsection A of this section shall be taken by employees or contractors of the Department of Corrections. Said individuals shall be properly trained to collect blood samples. Persons collecting blood for DNA testing pursuant to this section shall be immune from civil liabilities arising from this activity. The Department of Corrections shall ensure the collection of samples are mailed to the

Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation (OSBI) within ten (10) days of the time the subject appears for testing. The Department shall use sample kits provided by the OSBI and procedures promulgated by the OSBI. Persons subject to DNA testing pursuant to this section shall be required to pay to the Department of Corrections a fee of Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00). Any fees collected pursuant to this subsection shall be deposited in the Department of Corrections revolving account.

H. 1. Any person who has been convicted of any crime listed in Section 582 of this title and:

a. who subsequent to November 1, 1997 was convicted of a crime or an attempt to commit a crime provided for in Section 7115 of Title 10 of the Oklahoma Statutes if the offense involved sexual abuse or sexual exploitation as these terms are defined in Section 7102 of Title 10 of the Oklahoma Statutes, Sections 885, 888, 1111.1, 1114 or 1123 of Title 21 of the Oklahoma Statutes, or

b. who enters this state after November 1, 1997, and who has been convicted of an additional crime or attempted crime which, if committed or attempted in this state, would be a crime or an attempt to commit a crime provided for in subparagraph a of this paragraph,

shall be subject to all of the registration requirements of this act and shall be designated by the Department of Corrections as a habitual sex offender. Designation as a habitual sex offender shall be for the lifetime of the habitual sex offender.

2. Upon registration of any person designated as a habitual sex offender, pursuant to this subsection, a local law enforcement authority shall notify, by any method of communication it deems appropriate, anyone that the local law enforcement authority determines appropriate, including, but not limited to:

- a. the family of the habitual sex offender,
- b. any prior victim of the habitual sex offender, and
- c. residential neighbors and churches, community parks, schools, convenience stores, businesses and other places that children or other potential victims may frequent.

3. The notification may include, but is not limited to, the following information:

- a. the name and physical address of the habitual sex offender,
- b. a physical description of the habitual sex offender, including, but not limited to, age, height, weight and eye and hair color,
- c. a description of the vehicle that the habitual sex offender is known to drive,
- d. any conditions or restrictions upon the probation, parole or conditional release of the habitual sex offender,
- e. a description of the primary and secondary targets of the habitual sex offender,
- f. a description of the method of offense of the habitual sex offender,
- g. a current photograph of the habitual sex offender, and
- h. the name and telephone number of the probation or parole officer of the habitual sex offender.

4. The local law enforcement authority shall make the notification provided for in this subsection regarding a habitual sex offender available to any person upon request.

I. Public officials, public employees, and public agencies are immune from civil liability for good faith conduct under this act.

1. Nothing in this act shall be deemed to impose any liability upon or to give rise to a cause of action against any public

official, public employee, or public agency for failing to release information in accordance with this act.

2. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent law enforcement officers from notifying members of the public of any persons that pose a danger under circumstances that are not enumerated in this act.

SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 587.1 of Title 57, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

There is hereby created, to continue until July 1, 2002, a program in Oklahoma County through the Department of Corrections to track offenders required to register pursuant to the Sex Offenders Registration Act. The purpose of such program is to determine compliance with the provisions of the Sex Offenders Registration Act.

SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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