

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to sex offenders; amending Section 1, Chapter 209, O.S.L. 2003 (21 O.S. Supp. 2005, Section 1125), which relates to restrictions on convicted sex offenders; expanding scope of crime; modifying penalties; expanding exemptions; amending 57 O.S. 2001, Section 584, as last amended by Section 9, Chapter 465, O.S.L. 2005 and Section 1, Chapter 223, O.S.L. 2003 (57 O.S. Supp. 2005, Sections 584 and 590), which relate to registration requirements and residency restrictions of convicted sex offenders; expanding scope of registration requirements; modifying address verification requirement; clarifying prohibited act; modifying penalties; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 1, Chapter 209, O.S.L. 2003 (21 O.S. Supp. 2005, Section 1125), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1125. A. A zone of safety is hereby created around elementary ~~and~~, junior high, and high schools, licensed child care facilities, ~~and~~ playgrounds, parks or other places where persons under eighteen (18) years of age regularly congregate. A person is prohibited from being within three hundred (300) feet of any elementary ~~or~~, junior high, or high school, licensed child care facility, ~~or~~ playground, park or other place where persons under eighteen (18) years of age regularly congregate if the person has been convicted of ~~lewd molestation, rape or sodomy in this state~~ a crime that requires the person to register pursuant to the Sex Offenders Registration Act or ~~any similar~~ the person has been convicted of an offense of in another state or the United States jurisdiction, which offense if committed or attempted in this state,

would have been punishable as one or more of the offenses listed in Section 582 of Title 57 of the Oklahoma Statutes and the victim was a child under the age of ~~thirteen (13)~~ eighteen (18) years.

B. A person convicted of a ~~first offense~~ violation of subsection A of this section shall be guilty of a ~~misdemeanor~~ felony punishable by a fine not exceeding Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00), or by imprisonment in the custody of the Department of Corrections for a term of not less than one (1) year nor more than three (3) years, or by both such fine and imprisonment. Any person convicted of a second or subsequent violation of subsection A of this section shall be punished by a fine not exceeding Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00), or by imprisonment in the custody of the Department of Corrections for a term of not less than three (3) years, or by both such fine and imprisonment. ~~A person convicted of a second or subsequent offense of this section shall be guilty of a felony.~~ This proscription of conduct shall not modify or remove any restrictions currently applicable to the person by court order, conditions of probation or as provided by other provision of law.

C. 1. A person shall be exempt from the prohibition of this section regarding a school or a licensed child care facility only under the following circumstances:

- a. the person is the custodial parent or legal guardian of a child who is an enrolled student at the school or child care facility, and
- b. the person is enrolling, delivering or retrieving such child at the school or child care facility during regular school or facility hours or for school-sanctioned or child-care-facility-sanctioned extracurricular activities, or
- c. the person is the custodial parent or legal guardian of a child that is participating in a school-

sanctioned or child-care-facility-sanctioned activity and is accompanied by a person who is twenty-one (21) years of age or older that has no previous felony conviction or conviction for a crime that would require the person to register pursuant to the Sex Offenders Registration Act.

2. This exception shall not be construed to modify or remove any restrictions applicable to the person by court order, conditions of probation, or as provided by other provision of law.

D. For purpose of prosecution of any violation of this section, the provisions of Section 51.1 of Title 21 of the Oklahoma Statutes shall not apply.

SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 57 O.S. 2001, Section 584, as last amended by Section 9, Chapter 465, O.S.L. 2005 (57 O.S. Supp. 2005, Section 584), is amended to read as follows:

Section 584. A. Any registration with the Department of Corrections required by the Sex Offenders Registration Act shall be in a form approved by the Department 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 or saliva test for purposes of a deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) profile. Submission to testing for individuals registering shall be within thirty (30) days of registration. 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 for which the person has been convicted or the person received a suspended

sentence or any form of probation, where the offense was committed, where the person was convicted or received the suspended sentence or any form of probation, and the name under which the person was convicted or received the suspended sentence or probation;

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;

5. Where the person previously resided, where the person currently 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 this state. The Department of Corrections shall conduct address verification of each registered sex offender on ~~an annual~~ a biannual 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 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 the Sex Offenders Registration Act. If the offender has been determined to be a habitual or aggravated 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 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; ~~and~~

6. The name and address of any school where the person expects to become or is enrolled or employed for any length of time; and

7. A description of all occupants residing with the person registering including, but not limited to, name, date of birth, gender, relation to the person registering, and how long the occupant has resided there.

B. Conviction data and fingerprints shall be promptly 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 the Sex Offenders Registration 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:

- a. the municipal police department, if the person resides or intends to reside or stay within the jurisdiction of any municipality of this state, or
- b. 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, and

- c. the police or security department of any institution of higher learning within this state if the person:
- (1) enrolls as a full-time or part-time student,
 - (2) is a full-time or part-time employee at an institution of higher learning, or
 - (3) resides or intends to reside or stay on any property owned or controlled by the institution of higher learning.

D. Any person subject to the provisions of the Sex Offenders Registration Act who changes an address shall give written notification to the Department of Corrections and the local law enforcement authority of the change of address and the new address no later than three (3) business days prior to the abandonment of or move from the current address. If the new address is under the jurisdiction of a different local law enforcement authority, the offender shall notify the new local law enforcement authority of any previous registration. The new local law enforcement authority shall notify the most recent registering agency by teletype or letter of the change in address of the offender. If the new address is in another state the Department of Corrections shall promptly notify the agency responsible for registration in that state of the new address of the offender.

E. The Department of Corrections shall maintain a file of all sex offender registrations. A copy of the information contained in the registration shall promptly be available to state, county and municipal law enforcement agencies, the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, and the National Sex Offender Registry maintained by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The file shall promptly 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 promptly provide all municipal police departments,

all county sheriff departments and all campus police departments a list of those sex offenders registered and living in their county. The Superintendent of Public Instruction is authorized to copy and shall distribute information from the sex offender registry to school districts and individual public and private schools within the state with 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 or criminal prosecution pursuant to Section 589 of Title 57 of the Oklahoma Statutes."

F. Each local law enforcement agency shall make its sex offender registry available upon request, without restriction, at a cost that is no more than what is charged for other records provided by the law enforcement agency pursuant to the Open Records Act.

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 or criminal prosecution pursuant to Section 589 of Title 57 of the Oklahoma Statutes."

G. Samples of blood or saliva 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 or saliva samples. Persons collecting samples 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

is 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 or received a suspended sentence or any probationary term, including a deferred sentence imposed in violation of subsection G of Section 991c of Title 22 of the Oklahoma Statutes, for any crime listed in Section 582 of this title and:

- a. who is subsequently convicted of a crime or an attempt to commit a crime listed in subsection A of Section 582 of this title, 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 subsection A of Section 582 of this title,

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. A habitual sex offender shall be required to register for the lifetime of the habitual sex offender.

2. On or after November 1, 1999, any person who has been convicted of a crime or an attempt to commit a crime, received a suspended sentence or any probationary term, including a deferred sentence imposed in violation of subsection G of Section 991c of Title 22 of the Oklahoma Statutes, for 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, Section 885, 888, 1111.1, 1114 or 1123 of Title 21 of the Oklahoma Statutes shall be subject to all the registration requirements of this act and shall be designated by the Department of Corrections as an aggravated sex offender. An aggravated sex offender shall be required to register for the lifetime of the aggravated sex offender.

3. Upon registration of any person designated as a habitual or aggravated 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 or aggravated sex offender,
- b. any prior victim of the habitual or aggravated sex offender,
- c. residential neighbors and churches, community parks, schools, convenience stores, businesses and other places that children or other potential victims may frequent, and
- d. a nursing facility, a specialized facility, a residential care home, a continuum-of-care facility, an assisted living center, and an adult day care facility.

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

- a. the name and physical address of the habitual or aggravated sex offender,
- b. a physical description of the habitual or aggravated sex offender, including, but not limited to, age, height, weight and eye and hair color,

- c. a description of the vehicle that the habitual or aggravated sex offender is known to drive,
- d. any conditions or restrictions upon the probation, parole or conditional release of the habitual or aggravated sex offender,
- e. a description of the primary and secondary targets of the habitual or aggravated sex offender,
- f. a description of the method of offense of the habitual or aggravated sex offender,
- g. a current photograph of the habitual or aggravated sex offender, and
- h. the name and telephone number of the probation or parole officer of the habitual or aggravated sex offender.

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

1. Public officials, public employees, and public agencies are immune from civil liability for good faith conduct under any provision of the Sex Offenders Registration Act.

1. Nothing in the Sex Offenders Registration 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 the Sex Offenders Registration 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 the Sex Offenders Registration Act.

SECTION 3. AMENDATORY Section 1, Chapter 223, O.S.L. 2003 (57 O.S. Supp. 2005, Section 590), is amended to read as follows:

Section 590. It is unlawful for any person registered pursuant to the ~~Oklahoma~~ Sex Offenders Registration Act to reside, either temporarily or permanently, within a two-thousand-foot radius of any public or private school site ~~or,~~ educational institution, or licensed child care facility.

Nothing in this provision shall require any person to sell or otherwise dispose of any real estate or home acquired or owned prior to the conviction of the person as a sex offender. Any person willfully violating the provisions of this section by intentionally moving into any neighborhood or to any real estate or home within the prohibited distance shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a ~~misdemeanor~~ felony punishable by a fine not to exceed Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00) ~~on a first offense, and any second or subsequent offense shall be punishable by incarceration, or by imprisonment in the custody of the Department of Corrections for a term of not less than one (1) year in the county jail in addition to~~ nor more than three (3) years, or by both such fine and imprisonment. Any person convicted of a second or subsequent violation of this section shall be punished by a fine not to exceed Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00), or by imprisonment in the custody of the Department of Corrections for a term of not less than three (3) years, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

SECTION 4. This act shall become effective November 1, 2006.

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