

## BILL SUMMARY

MEASURE: **Committee Substitute for Engrossed SB 1601**

AUTHOR: Senator Aldridge, et. al  
Representative Peters

SUBJECT: Child Abuse

SECTIONS: **Section 1.** New Law. Designating the crime of child abuse as a violent offense.

**Section 2.** Amendatory. Requiring entities that provide services to children to conduct a name search of employees pursuant to the Oklahoma Sex Offenders Registration Act and the Mary Rippy Violent Crime Offenders Registration Act. Requiring persons who work with, or provide services to, children to sign an affidavit declaring that he or she is not required to register as a sex offender or violent crime offender. Making the failure to conduct a name search of each employee and an employee's refusal to sign an affidavit a misdemeanor.

**Section 3.** Amendatory. Requiring persons convicted of abuse to register under the Mary Rippy Violent Crime Offenders Registration Act. Defining what constitutes "abuse" for purposes of the Act.

**Section 4.** Amendatory. Requiring entities that provide services on the property of a school or school district to sign a statement that no employee is required to register as a violent crime offender.

**Section 5.** New Law. Providing that all persons, businesses and organizations have the ability to search and identify names contained in the Oklahoma Sex Offender Registry and the Mary Rippy Violent Crime Offenders Registry for the purpose of determining a person's suitability for employment or volunteering.

**Section 6.** Effective Date: July 1, 2008.

**Section 7.** Emergency Clause

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