

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 1511

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to the Sex Offenders Registration Act; amending 57 O.S. 2021, Section 589, which relates to registered offenders prohibited from certain employment; requiring certain signage; requiring certain verification; creating misdemeanor offenses; providing penalties; updating statutory references; updating statutory language; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 57 O.S. 2021, Section 589, is amended to read as follows:

Section 589. A. It is unlawful for any person registered pursuant to the ~~Oklahoma~~ Sex Offenders Registration Act or the Mary Rippy Violent Crime Offenders Registration Act to work with or provide services to children or to work on school premises, or for any person or business ~~which~~ that contracts for work to be performed on school premises to knowingly and willfully allow any employee to work with children or to work on school premises who is registered pursuant to the ~~Oklahoma~~ Sex Offenders Registration Act or the Mary Rippy Violent Crime Offenders Registration Act. Upon conviction for

1 any violation of the provisions of this subsection, the violator
2 shall be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed
3 One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00). In addition, the violator may be
4 liable for civil damages.

5 B. 1. A person or business who offers or provides services to
6 children shall ensure compliance with subsection A of this section
7 by conducting a name search of employees at least annually against
8 the registries maintained pursuant to the ~~Oklahoma~~ Sex Offenders
9 Registration Act and the Mary Rippe Violent Crime Offenders
10 Registration Act while such person is working with or serving
11 children. ~~All persons~~ Any person working with or providing services
12 to children shall be required to sign a statement declaring that he
13 or she is not currently required to register under the provisions of
14 the ~~Oklahoma~~ Sex Offenders Registration Act or the Mary Rippe
15 Violent Crime Offenders Registration Act. Compliance with the
16 signed statement shall be mandatory for ~~all persons~~ any person
17 working with or providing services to children, and there shall be
18 no liability or obligation placed upon any person or business to
19 ascertain the truthfulness of the affidavit. Any person or business
20 having a contract with a school shall ensure compliance as provided
21 by Section 6-101.48 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

22 2. Failure of any person or business who works with or provides
23 services to children to conduct the annual name search of each
24 person employed shall be a misdemeanor. Upon conviction for failure
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1 to conduct a name search, the violator shall be guilty of a
2 misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed One Thousand Dollars
3 (\$1,000.00). Refusal of any person who is employed to work with or
4 provide services to children to sign a statement declaring ~~they have~~
5 he or she has no requirement to register as provided in this section
6 shall be a misdemeanor, upon conviction, punishable by a fine not to
7 exceed One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), and the person shall be
8 immediately terminated from employment. Any person discovering an
9 employment or registration violation as required by any provision of
10 law for any person currently employed to work with or provide
11 services to children has a duty to and shall immediately report such
12 findings to the district attorney.

13 C. It is unlawful for any law enforcement agency to employ any
14 person as a peace officer or criminal investigator who has received
15 a verdict of guilty or pled guilty or nolo contendere to any offense
16 required to register pursuant to the Sex Offenders Registration Act
17 or the Mary Rippy Violent Crime Offenders Registration Act,
18 including those receiving a verdict of guilt, pleading guilty or
19 nolo contendere as part of a deferred judgment or other provision of
20 law authorizing a delayed or suspended judgment or sentence. Every
21 person receiving a verdict of guilty or pleading guilty or nolo
22 contendere to any offense required to register pursuant to the Sex
23 Offenders Registration Act or the Mary Rippy Violent Crime Offenders
24 Registration Act shall be prohibited from being certified by the

1 Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training (CLEET) as a peace
2 officer, private investigator, or security guard, and if at the time
3 of the verdict or plea such person has been previously CLEET
4 certified such certification shall be revoked. Any violator shall
5 be guilty of a misdemeanor upon conviction of noncompliance with the
6 provisions of this subsection.

7 D. A person or business that employs a person registered
8 pursuant to the Sex Offenders Registration Act and that offers or
9 provides services where children are reasonably expected to be
10 present shall clearly post signage that is easily readable by the
11 average person stating that the person or business employs a person
12 registered pursuant to the Sex Offenders Registration Act. A person
13 or business who offers or provides services where children are
14 reasonably expected to be present shall ensure compliance with this
15 subsection by conducting a name search of employees at least
16 annually against the registry maintained pursuant to the Sex
17 Offenders Registration Act while such person is employed. Any
18 person or business who violates the provisions of this subsection
19 shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a
20 fine not to exceed One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00).

21 E. A person, regardless of whether he or she has a licensed
22 business, who is registered pursuant to the Sex Offenders
23 Registration Act and offers or provides services where children are
24 reasonably expected to be present shall clearly post signage that is

easily readable by the average person stating that the person is
registered pursuant to the Sex Offenders Registration Act. Any
person who violates the provisions of this subsection shall, upon
conviction, be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to
exceed One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00).

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2026.

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