

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 1608

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to the Mary Rippy Violent Crime Offenders Registration Act; amending 57 O.S. 2021, Section 599.1, which relates to access to registries; modifying scope of requirements for certain registries; 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 599.1, is amended to read as follows:

Section 599.1. A. All persons, businesses, and organizations in this state shall have access to search and identify individual names contained in the Oklahoma Sex Offender Registry and the Mary Rippy Violent Crime Offenders Registry for purposes of verifying a person's suitability for employment, volunteering, and for screening persons at risk of potential harm to children who may work with or provide services to children by utilizing one or more of the following methods:

1. A person may contact the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation, complete a form, and pay the required fees for a name

1 search of both the Oklahoma Sex Offender Registry and the Mary Rippy  
2 Violent Crime Offenders Registry and, if desired, search other  
3 criminal history records pertaining to the person upon payment of  
4 the required fees;

5 2. A person may conduct a free self-initiated search of both  
6 the Oklahoma Sex Offender Registry and the Mary Rippy Violent Crime  
7 Offenders Registry using a computer-Internet link to connect to a  
8 state-agency-controlled database containing the names of all persons  
9 currently registered on the Oklahoma Sex Offender Registry and the  
10 Mary Rippy Violent Crime Offenders Registry; or

11 3. A person may contact either ~~their~~ his or her local law  
12 enforcement agency or the Department of Corrections, complete the  
13 form, and pay the required fees for a name search of both the  
14 Oklahoma Sex Offender Registry and the Mary Rippy Violent Crime  
15 Offenders Registry.

16 B. The Department of Corrections shall develop the necessary  
17 policies, procedures, forms, and data access to make the provisions  
18 of this section effective statewide and may publish ~~web sites~~  
19 websites or other information to assist the public in learning where  
20 and how to conduct a name search of the two registries authorized in  
21 this section. The information provided in a name search shall  
22 include the searched person's full name, any alias names, the crime  
23 which requires registration, and whether the person is deemed a  
24 habitual or aggravated offender. In addition, information ~~may~~ shall

1 be provided in the name search concerning the date and place of the  
2 offense, the sentence disposition, a photograph of the registered  
3 person, and other pertinent information including the current  
4 residence location, school location, place of worship, and employer.  
5 The registries shall have the ability to be searchable by school,  
6 place of worship, and employer. There shall be no liability to any  
7 governmental agency for the release or publication of any  
8 information maintained on the Oklahoma Sex Offender Registry or the  
9 Mary Rippe Violent Crime Offenders Registry under this section  
10 authorizing public access to a name search for purposes of risk of  
11 potential harm to a child by a caregiver or for suitability for  
12 employment.

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