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February 3, 2026

AS AMENDED

SENATE BILL NO. 1608

By: Frix

An Act relating to the Mary Rippey 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 Rippey 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 search of both the Oklahoma Sex Offender Registry and the Mary Rippey

1 Violent Crime Offenders Registry and, if desired, search other
2 criminal history records pertaining to the person upon payment of
3 the required fees;

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

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

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

1 offense, the sentence disposition, a photograph of the registered
2 person, and other pertinent information including the current
3 residence location, school location, and employer. The registries
4 shall have the ability to be searchable by school and employer.

5 There shall be no liability to any governmental agency for the
6 release or publication of any information maintained on the Oklahoma
7 Sex Offender Registry or the Mary Rippy Violent Crime Offenders
8 Registry under this section authorizing public access to a name
9 search for purposes of risk of potential harm to a child by a
10 caregiver or for suitability for employment.

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

12 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY
13 February 3, 2026 - DO PASS AS AMENDED
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