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1 AN ACT Relating to registration of sex offenders and kidnapping
2 offenders who are students; and reenacting and amending RCW 9A.44.130.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 9A.44.130 and 2003 c 215 s 1 and 2003 c 53 s 68 are
5 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

6 (1)(a) Any adult or juvenile residing whether or not the person has
7 a fixed residence, or who is a student, is employed, or carries on a
8 vocation in this state who has been found to have committed or has been
9 convicted of any sex offense or kidnapping offense, or who has been
10 found not guilty by reason of insanity under chapter 10.77 RCW of
11 committing any sex offense or kidnapping offense, shall register with
12 the county sheriff for the county of the person's residence, or if the
13 person is not a resident of Washington, the county of the person's
14 school, or place of employment or vocation, or as otherwise specified
15 in this section. Where a person required to register under this
16 section is in custody of the state department of corrections, the state
17 department of social and health services, a local division of youth
18 services, or a local jail or juvenile detention facility as a result of
19 a sex offense or kidnapping offense, the person shall also register at

1 the time of release from custody with an official designated by the
2 agency that has jurisdiction over the person. (~~In addition, any~~
3 ~~such~~)

4 (b) Any adult or juvenile who is required to register under (a) of
5 this subsection:

6 (~~(a)~~) (i) Who is attending, or planning to attend, a public or
7 private school regulated under Title 28A RCW shall, within ten days of
8 enrolling or prior to arriving at the school to attend classes,
9 whichever is earlier, notify the sheriff for the county of the person's
10 residence of the person's intent to attend the school, and the sheriff
11 shall promptly notify the principal of the school;

12 (ii) Who is admitted to a public or private institution of higher
13 education shall, within ten days of enrolling or by the first business
14 day after arriving at the institution, whichever is earlier, notify the
15 sheriff for the county of the person's residence of the person's intent
16 to attend the institution;

17 (~~(b)~~) (iii) Who gains employment at a public or private
18 institution of higher education shall, within ten days of accepting
19 employment or by the first business day after commencing work at the
20 institution, whichever is earlier, notify the sheriff for the county of
21 the person's residence of the person's employment by the institution;
22 or

23 (~~(e)~~) (iv) Whose enrollment or employment at a public or private
24 institution of higher education is terminated shall, within ten days of
25 such termination, notify the sheriff for the county of the person's
26 residence of the person's termination of enrollment or employment at
27 the institution.

28 (c) Persons required to register under this section who are
29 enrolled in a public or private institution of higher education on June
30 11, 1998, or a public or private school regulated under Title 28A RCW
31 on the effective date of this act, must notify the county sheriff
32 immediately.

33 (d) The sheriff shall notify the school's principal or
34 institution's department of public safety and shall provide that
35 department with the same information provided to a county sheriff under
36 subsection (3) of this section.

37 (e)(i) A principal receiving notice under this subsection must
38 provide the information received to every teacher of any student

1 required to register under (a) of this subsection and to any other
2 personnel who, in the judgment of the principal, supervises the student
3 or for security purposes should be aware of the student's record.

4 (ii) Any information received by a principal or school personnel
5 under this subsection is confidential and may not be further
6 disseminated except as provided in RCW 28A.225.330, other statutes or
7 case law, and the family and educational and privacy rights act of
8 1994, 20 U.S.C. Sec. 1232g et seq.

9 (2) This section may not be construed to confer any powers pursuant
10 to RCW 4.24.500 upon the public safety department of any public or
11 private school or institution of higher education.

12 (3)(a) The person shall provide the following information when
13 registering: (i) Name; (ii) address; (iii) date and place of birth;
14 (iv) place of employment; (v) crime for which convicted; (vi) date and
15 place of conviction; (vii) aliases used; (viii) social security number;
16 (ix) photograph; and (x) fingerprints.

17 (b) Any person who lacks a fixed residence shall provide the
18 following information when registering: (i) Name; (ii) date and place
19 of birth; (iii) place of employment; (iv) crime for which convicted;
20 (v) date and place of conviction; (vi) aliases used; (vii) social
21 security number; (viii) photograph; (ix) fingerprints; and (x) where he
22 or she plans to stay.

23 (4)(a) Offenders shall register with the county sheriff within the
24 following deadlines. For purposes of this section the term
25 "conviction" refers to adult convictions and juvenile adjudications for
26 sex offenses or kidnapping offenses:

27 (i) OFFENDERS IN CUSTODY. (A) Sex offenders who committed a sex
28 offense on, before, or after February 28, 1990, and who, on or after
29 July 28, 1991, are in custody, as a result of that offense, of the
30 state department of corrections, the state department of social and
31 health services, a local division of youth services, or a local jail or
32 juvenile detention facility, and (B) kidnapping offenders who on or
33 after July 27, 1997, are in custody of the state department of
34 corrections, the state department of social and health services, a
35 local division of youth services, or a local jail or juvenile detention
36 facility, must register at the time of release from custody with an
37 official designated by the agency that has jurisdiction over the
38 offender. The agency shall within three days forward the registration

1 information to the county sheriff for the county of the offender's
2 anticipated residence. The offender must also register within twenty-
3 four hours from the time of release with the county sheriff for the
4 county of the person's residence, or if the person is not a resident of
5 Washington, the county of the person's school, or place of employment
6 or vocation. The agency that has jurisdiction over the offender shall
7 provide notice to the offender of the duty to register. Failure to
8 register at the time of release and within twenty-four hours of release
9 constitutes a violation of this section and is punishable as provided
10 in subsection (10) of this section.

11 When the agency with jurisdiction intends to release an offender
12 with a duty to register under this section, and the agency has
13 knowledge that the offender is eligible for developmental disability
14 services from the department of social and health services, the agency
15 shall notify the division of developmental disabilities of the release.
16 Notice shall occur not more than thirty days before the offender is to
17 be released. The agency and the division shall assist the offender in
18 meeting the initial registration requirement under this section.
19 Failure to provide such assistance shall not constitute a defense for
20 any violation of this section.

21 (ii) OFFENDERS NOT IN CUSTODY BUT UNDER STATE OR LOCAL
22 JURISDICTION. Sex offenders who, on July 28, 1991, are not in custody
23 but are under the jurisdiction of the indeterminate sentence review
24 board or under the department of corrections' active supervision, as
25 defined by the department of corrections, the state department of
26 social and health services, or a local division of youth services, for
27 sex offenses committed before, on, or after February 28, 1990, must
28 register within ten days of July 28, 1991. Kidnapping offenders who,
29 on July 27, 1997, are not in custody but are under the jurisdiction of
30 the indeterminate sentence review board or under the department of
31 corrections' active supervision, as defined by the department of
32 corrections, the state department of social and health services, or a
33 local division of youth services, for kidnapping offenses committed
34 before, on, or after July 27, 1997, must register within ten days of
35 July 27, 1997. A change in supervision status of a sex offender who
36 was required to register under this subsection (4)(a)(ii) as of July
37 28, 1991, or a kidnapping offender required to register as of July 27,

1 1997, shall not relieve the offender of the duty to register or to
2 reregister following a change in residence. The obligation to register
3 shall only cease pursuant to RCW 9A.44.140.

4 (iii) OFFENDERS UNDER FEDERAL JURISDICTION. Sex offenders who, on
5 or after July 23, 1995, and kidnapping offenders who, on or after July
6 27, 1997, as a result of that offense are in the custody of the United
7 States bureau of prisons or other federal or military correctional
8 agency for sex offenses committed before, on, or after February 28,
9 1990, or kidnapping offenses committed on, before, or after July 27,
10 1997, must register within twenty-four hours from the time of release
11 with the county sheriff for the county of the person's residence, or if
12 the person is not a resident of Washington, the county of the person's
13 school, or place of employment or vocation. Sex offenders who, on July
14 23, 1995, are not in custody but are under the jurisdiction of the
15 United States bureau of prisons, United States courts, United States
16 parole commission, or military parole board for sex offenses committed
17 before, on, or after February 28, 1990, must register within ten days
18 of July 23, 1995. Kidnapping offenders who, on July 27, 1997, are not
19 in custody but are under the jurisdiction of the United States bureau
20 of prisons, United States courts, United States parole commission, or
21 military parole board for kidnapping offenses committed before, on, or
22 after July 27, 1997, must register within ten days of July 27, 1997.
23 A change in supervision status of a sex offender who was required to
24 register under this subsection (4)(a)(iii) as of July 23, 1995, or a
25 kidnapping offender required to register as of July 27, 1997 shall not
26 relieve the offender of the duty to register or to reregister following
27 a change in residence, or if the person is not a resident of
28 Washington, the county of the person's school, or place of employment
29 or vocation. The obligation to register shall only cease pursuant to
30 RCW 9A.44.140.

31 (iv) OFFENDERS WHO ARE CONVICTED BUT NOT CONFINED. Sex offenders
32 who are convicted of a sex offense on or after July 28, 1991, for a sex
33 offense that was committed on or after February 28, 1990, and
34 kidnapping offenders who are convicted on or after July 27, 1997, for
35 a kidnapping offense that was committed on or after July 27, 1997, but
36 who are not sentenced to serve a term of confinement immediately upon
37 sentencing, shall report to the county sheriff to register immediately
38 upon completion of being sentenced.

1 (v) OFFENDERS WHO ARE NEW RESIDENTS OR RETURNING WASHINGTON
2 RESIDENTS. Sex offenders and kidnapping offenders who move to
3 Washington state from another state or a foreign country that are not
4 under the jurisdiction of the state department of corrections, the
5 indeterminate sentence review board, or the state department of social
6 and health services at the time of moving to Washington, must register
7 within thirty days of establishing residence or reestablishing
8 residence if the person is a former Washington resident. The duty to
9 register under this subsection applies to sex offenders convicted under
10 the laws of another state or a foreign country, federal or military
11 statutes, or Washington state for offenses committed on or after
12 February 28, 1990, and to kidnapping offenders convicted under the laws
13 of another state or a foreign country, federal or military statutes, or
14 Washington state for offenses committed on or after July 27, 1997. Sex
15 offenders and kidnapping offenders from other states or a foreign
16 country who, when they move to Washington, are under the jurisdiction
17 of the department of corrections, the indeterminate sentence review
18 board, or the department of social and health services must register
19 within twenty-four hours of moving to Washington. The agency that has
20 jurisdiction over the offender shall notify the offender of the
21 registration requirements before the offender moves to Washington.

22 (vi) OFFENDERS FOUND NOT GUILTY BY REASON OF INSANITY. Any adult
23 or juvenile who has been found not guilty by reason of insanity under
24 chapter 10.77 RCW of (A) committing a sex offense on, before, or after
25 February 28, 1990, and who, on or after July 23, 1995, is in custody,
26 as a result of that finding, of the state department of social and
27 health services, or (B) committing a kidnapping offense on, before, or
28 after July 27, 1997, and who on or after July 27, 1997, is in custody,
29 as a result of that finding, of the state department of social and
30 health services, must register within twenty-four hours from the time
31 of release with the county sheriff for the county of the person's
32 residence. The state department of social and health services shall
33 provide notice to the adult or juvenile in its custody of the duty to
34 register. Any adult or juvenile who has been found not guilty by
35 reason of insanity of committing a sex offense on, before, or after
36 February 28, 1990, but who was released before July 23, 1995, or any
37 adult or juvenile who has been found not guilty by reason of insanity
38 of committing a kidnapping offense but who was released before July 27,

1 1997, shall be required to register within twenty-four hours of
2 receiving notice of this registration requirement. The state
3 department of social and health services shall make reasonable attempts
4 within available resources to notify sex offenders who were released
5 before July 23, 1995, and kidnapping offenders who were released before
6 July 27, 1997. Failure to register within twenty-four hours of
7 release, or of receiving notice, constitutes a violation of this
8 section and is punishable as provided in subsection (10) of this
9 section.

10 (vii) OFFENDERS WHO LACK A FIXED RESIDENCE. Any person who lacks
11 a fixed residence and leaves the county in which he or she is
12 registered and enters and remains within a new county for twenty-four
13 hours is required to register with the county sheriff not more than
14 twenty-four hours after entering the county and provide the information
15 required in subsection (3)(b) of this section.

16 (viii) OFFENDERS WHO LACK A FIXED RESIDENCE AND WHO ARE UNDER
17 SUPERVISION. Offenders who lack a fixed residence and who are under
18 the supervision of the department shall register in the county of their
19 supervision.

20 (ix) OFFENDERS WHO MOVE TO, WORK, CARRY ON A VOCATION, OR ATTEND
21 SCHOOL IN ANOTHER STATE. Offenders required to register in Washington,
22 who move to another state, or who work, carry on a vocation, or attend
23 school in another state shall register a new address, fingerprints, and
24 photograph with the new state within ten days after establishing
25 residence, or after beginning to work, carry on a vocation, or attend
26 school in the new state. The person must also send written notice
27 within ten days of moving to the new state or to a foreign country to
28 the county sheriff with whom the person last registered in Washington
29 state. The county sheriff shall promptly forward this information to
30 the Washington state patrol.

31 (b) Failure to register within the time required under this section
32 constitutes a per se violation of this section and is punishable as
33 provided in subsection (10) of this section. The county sheriff shall
34 not be required to determine whether the person is living within the
35 county.

36 (c) An arrest on charges of failure to register, service of an
37 information, or a complaint for a violation of this section, or
38 arraignment on charges for a violation of this section, constitutes

1 actual notice of the duty to register. Any person charged with the
2 crime of failure to register under this section who asserts as a
3 defense the lack of notice of the duty to register shall register
4 immediately following actual notice of the duty through arrest,
5 service, or arraignment. Failure to register as required under this
6 subsection (4)(c) constitutes grounds for filing another charge of
7 failing to register. Registering following arrest, service, or
8 arraignment on charges shall not relieve the offender from criminal
9 liability for failure to register prior to the filing of the original
10 charge.

11 (d) The deadlines for the duty to register under this section do
12 not relieve any sex offender of the duty to register under this section
13 as it existed prior to July 28, 1991.

14 (5)(a) If any person required to register pursuant to this section
15 changes his or her residence address within the same county, the person
16 must send written notice of the change of address to the county sheriff
17 within seventy-two hours of moving. If any person required to register
18 pursuant to this section moves to a new county, the person must send
19 written notice of the change of address at least fourteen days before
20 moving to the county sheriff in the new county of residence and must
21 register with that county sheriff within twenty-four hours of moving.
22 The person must also send written notice within ten days of the change
23 of address in the new county to the county sheriff with whom the person
24 last registered. The county sheriff with whom the person last
25 registered shall promptly forward the information concerning the change
26 of address to the county sheriff for the county of the person's new
27 residence. Upon receipt of notice of change of address to a new state,
28 the county sheriff shall promptly forward the information regarding the
29 change of address to the agency designated by the new state as the
30 state's offender registration agency.

31 (b) It is an affirmative defense to a charge that the person failed
32 to send a notice at least fourteen days in advance of moving as
33 required under (a) of this subsection that the person did not know the
34 location of his or her new residence at least fourteen days before
35 moving. The defendant must establish the defense by a preponderance of
36 the evidence and, to prevail on the defense, must also prove by a
37 preponderance that the defendant sent the required notice within
38 twenty-four hours of determining the new address.

1 (6)(a) Any person required to register under this section who lacks
2 a fixed residence shall provide written notice to the sheriff of the
3 county where he or she last registered within forty-eight hours
4 excluding weekends and holidays after ceasing to have a fixed
5 residence. The notice shall include the information required by
6 subsection (3)(b) of this section, except the photograph and
7 fingerprints. The county sheriff may, for reasonable cause, require
8 the offender to provide a photograph and fingerprints. The sheriff
9 shall forward this information to the sheriff of the county in which
10 the person intends to reside, if the person intends to reside in
11 another county.

12 (b) A person who lacks a fixed residence must report weekly, in
13 person, to the sheriff of the county where he or she is registered.
14 The weekly report shall be on a day specified by the county sheriff's
15 office, and shall occur during normal business hours. The county
16 sheriff's office may require the person to list the locations where the
17 person has stayed during the last seven days. The lack of a fixed
18 residence is a factor that may be considered in determining an
19 offender's risk level and shall make the offender subject to disclosure
20 of information to the public at large pursuant to RCW 4.24.550.

21 (c) If any person required to register pursuant to this section
22 does not have a fixed residence, it is an affirmative defense to the
23 charge of failure to register, that he or she provided written notice
24 to the sheriff of the county where he or she last registered within
25 forty-eight hours excluding weekends and holidays after ceasing to have
26 a fixed residence and has subsequently complied with the requirements
27 of subsections (4)(a)(vii) or (viii) and (6) of this section. To
28 prevail, the person must prove the defense by a preponderance of the
29 evidence.

30 (7) A sex offender subject to registration requirements under this
31 section who applies to change his or her name under RCW 4.24.130 or any
32 other law shall submit a copy of the application to the county sheriff
33 of the county of the person's residence and to the state patrol not
34 fewer than five days before the entry of an order granting the name
35 change. No sex offender under the requirement to register under this
36 section at the time of application shall be granted an order changing
37 his or her name if the court finds that doing so will interfere with
38 legitimate law enforcement interests, except that no order shall be

1 denied when the name change is requested for religious or legitimate
2 cultural reasons or in recognition of marriage or dissolution of
3 marriage. A sex offender under the requirement to register under this
4 section who receives an order changing his or her name shall submit a
5 copy of the order to the county sheriff of the county of the person's
6 residence and to the state patrol within five days of the entry of the
7 order.

8 (8) The county sheriff shall obtain a photograph of the individual
9 and shall obtain a copy of the individual's fingerprints.

10 (9) For the purpose of RCW 9A.44.130, 10.01.200, 43.43.540,
11 70.48.470, and 72.09.330:

12 (a) "Sex offense" means:

13 (i) Any offense defined as a sex offense by RCW 9.94A.030;

14 (ii) Any violation under RCW 9A.44.096 (sexual misconduct with a
15 minor in the second degree);

16 (iii) Any violation under RCW 9.68A.090 (communication with a minor
17 for immoral purposes);

18 (iv) Any federal or out-of-state conviction for an offense that
19 under the laws of this state would be classified as a sex offense under
20 this subsection; and

21 (v) Any gross misdemeanor that is, under chapter 9A.28 RCW, a
22 criminal attempt, criminal solicitation, or criminal conspiracy to
23 commit an offense that is classified as a sex offense under RCW
24 9.94A.030 or this subsection.

25 (b) "Kidnapping offense" means: (i) The crimes of kidnapping in
26 the first degree, kidnapping in the second degree, and unlawful
27 imprisonment, as defined in chapter 9A.40 RCW, where the victim is a
28 minor and the offender is not the minor's parent; (ii) any offense that
29 is, under chapter 9A.28 RCW, a criminal attempt, criminal solicitation,
30 or criminal conspiracy to commit an offense that is classified as a
31 kidnapping offense under this subsection (9)(b); and (iii) any federal
32 or out-of-state conviction for an offense that under the laws of this
33 state would be classified as a kidnapping offense under this subsection
34 (9)(b).

35 (c) "Employed" or "carries on a vocation" means employment that is
36 full-time or part-time for a period of time exceeding fourteen days, or
37 for an aggregate period of time exceeding thirty days during any

1 calendar year. A person is employed or carries on a vocation whether
2 the person's employment is financially compensated, volunteered, or for
3 the purpose of government or educational benefit.

4 (d) "Student" means a person who is enrolled, on a full-time or
5 part-time basis, in any public or private educational institution. An
6 educational institution includes any secondary school, trade or
7 professional institution, or institution of higher education.

8 (10)(a) A person who knowingly fails to register with the county
9 sheriff or notify the county sheriff, or who changes his or her name
10 without notifying the county sheriff and the state patrol, as required
11 by this section is guilty of a class C felony if the crime for which
12 the individual was convicted was a felony sex offense as defined in
13 subsection (9)(a) of this section or a federal or out-of-state
14 conviction for an offense that under the laws of this state would be a
15 felony sex offense as defined in subsection (9)(a) of this section.

16 (b) If the crime for which the individual was convicted was other
17 than a felony or a federal or out-of-state conviction for an offense
18 that under the laws of this state would be other than a felony,
19 violation of this section is a gross misdemeanor.

20 (11)(a) A person who knowingly fails to register or who moves
21 within the state without notifying the county sheriff as required by
22 this section is guilty of a class C felony if the crime for which the
23 individual was convicted was a felony kidnapping offense as defined in
24 subsection (9)(b) of this section or a federal or out-of-state
25 conviction for an offense that under the laws of this state would be a
26 felony kidnapping offense as defined in subsection (9)(b) of this
27 section.

28 (b) If the crime for which the individual was convicted was other
29 than a felony or a federal or out-of-state conviction for an offense
30 that under the laws of this state would be other than a felony,
31 violation of this section is a gross misdemeanor.

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