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1 AN ACT Relating to establishing a program to verify the address of
2 registered sex offenders and kidnapping offenders; amending RCW
3 9A.44.130 and 9A.44.135; and adding a new section to chapter 36.28A
4 RCW.

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

6 **Sec. 1.** RCW 9A.44.130 and 2008 c 230 s 1 are each amended to read
7 as follows:

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

1 services, or a local jail or juvenile detention facility as a result of
2 a sex offense or kidnapping offense, the person shall also register at
3 the time of release from custody with an official designated by the
4 agency that has jurisdiction over the person.

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

7 (i) Who is attending, or planning to attend, a public or private
8 school regulated under Title 28A RCW or chapter 72.40 RCW shall, within
9 ten days of enrolling or prior to arriving at the school to attend
10 classes, whichever is earlier, notify the sheriff for the county of the
11 person's residence of the person's intent to attend the school, and the
12 sheriff shall promptly notify the principal of the school;

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

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

23 (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 or chapter 72.40 RCW on September 1, 2006, must notify the county
32 sheriff 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

1 disclose the information received from the sheriff under (b) of this
2 subsection as follows:

3 (A) If the student who is required to register as a sex offender is
4 classified as a risk level II or III, the principal shall provide the
5 information received to every teacher of any student required to
6 register under (a) of this subsection and to any other personnel who,
7 in the judgment of the principal, supervises the student or for
8 security purposes should be aware of the student's record;

9 (B) If the student who is required to register as a sex offender is
10 classified as a risk level I, the principal shall provide the
11 information received only to personnel who, in the judgment of the
12 principal, for security purposes should be aware of the student's
13 record.

14 (ii) Any information received by a principal or school personnel
15 under this subsection is confidential and may not be further
16 disseminated except as provided in RCW 28A.225.330, other statutes or
17 case law, and the family and educational and privacy rights act of
18 1994, 20 U.S.C. Sec. 1232g et seq.

19 (2) This section may not be construed to confer any powers pursuant
20 to RCW 4.24.550 upon the public safety department of any public or
21 private school or institution of higher education.

22 (3)(a) The person shall provide the following information when
23 registering: (i) Name; (ii) complete residential address; (iii) date
24 and place of birth; (iv) place of employment; (v) crime for which
25 convicted; (vi) date and place of conviction; (vii) aliases used;
26 (viii) social security number; (ix) photograph; and (x) fingerprints.

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

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

37 (i) OFFENDERS IN CUSTODY. (A) Sex offenders who committed a sex
38 offense on, before, or after February 28, 1990, and who, on or after

1 July 28, 1991, are in custody, as a result of that offense, of the
2 state department of corrections, the state department of social and
3 health services, a local division of youth services, or a local jail or
4 juvenile detention facility, and (B) kidnapping offenders who on or
5 after July 27, 1997, are in custody of the state department of
6 corrections, the state department of social and health services, a
7 local division of youth services, or a local jail or juvenile detention
8 facility, must register at the time of release from custody with an
9 official designated by the agency that has jurisdiction over the
10 offender. The agency shall within three days forward the registration
11 information to the county sheriff for the county of the offender's
12 anticipated residence. The offender must also register within twenty-
13 four hours from the time of release with the county sheriff for the
14 county of the person's residence, or if the person is not a resident of
15 Washington, the county of the person's school, or place of employment
16 or vocation. The agency that has jurisdiction over the offender shall
17 provide notice to the offender of the duty to register. Failure to
18 register at the time of release and within twenty-four hours of release
19 constitutes a violation of this section and is punishable as provided
20 in subsection (~~((11))~~) (10) of this section.

21 When the agency with jurisdiction intends to release an offender
22 with a duty to register under this section, and the agency has
23 knowledge that the offender is eligible for developmental disability
24 services from the department of social and health services, the agency
25 shall notify the division of developmental disabilities of the release.
26 Notice shall occur not more than thirty days before the offender is to
27 be released. The agency and the division shall assist the offender in
28 meeting the initial registration requirement under this section.
29 Failure to provide such assistance shall not constitute a defense for
30 any violation of this section.

31 (ii) OFFENDERS NOT IN CUSTODY BUT UNDER STATE OR LOCAL
32 JURISDICTION. Sex offenders who, on July 28, 1991, are not in custody
33 but are under the jurisdiction of the indeterminate sentence review
34 board or under the department of corrections' active supervision, as
35 defined by the department of corrections, the state department of
36 social and health services, or a local division of youth services, for
37 sex offenses committed before, on, or after February 28, 1990, must
38 register within ten days of July 28, 1991. Kidnapping offenders who,

1 on July 27, 1997, are not in custody but are under the jurisdiction of
2 the indeterminate sentence review board or under the department of
3 corrections' active supervision, as defined by the department of
4 corrections, the state department of social and health services, or a
5 local division of youth services, for kidnapping offenses committed
6 before, on, or after July 27, 1997, must register within ten days of
7 July 27, 1997. A change in supervision status of a sex offender who
8 was required to register under this subsection (4)(a)(ii) as of July
9 28, 1991, or a kidnapping offender required to register as of July 27,
10 1997, shall not relieve the offender of the duty to register or to
11 reregister following a change in residence. The obligation to register
12 shall only cease pursuant to RCW 9A.44.140.

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

1 or vocation. The obligation to register shall only cease pursuant to
2 RCW 9A.44.140.

3 (iv) OFFENDERS WHO ARE CONVICTED BUT NOT CONFINED. Sex offenders
4 who are convicted of a sex offense on or after July 28, 1991, for a sex
5 offense that was committed on or after February 28, 1990, and
6 kidnapping offenders who are convicted on or after July 27, 1997, for
7 a kidnapping offense that was committed on or after July 27, 1997, but
8 who are not sentenced to serve a term of confinement immediately upon
9 sentencing, shall report to the county sheriff to register immediately
10 upon completion of being sentenced.

11 (v) OFFENDERS WHO ARE NEW RESIDENTS OR RETURNING WASHINGTON
12 RESIDENTS. Sex offenders and kidnapping offenders who move to
13 Washington state from another state or a foreign country that are not
14 under the jurisdiction of the state department of corrections, the
15 indeterminate sentence review board, or the state department of social
16 and health services at the time of moving to Washington, must register
17 within three business days of establishing residence or reestablishing
18 residence if the person is a former Washington resident. The duty to
19 register under this subsection applies to sex offenders convicted under
20 the laws of another state or a foreign country, federal or military
21 statutes for offenses committed before, on, or after February 28, 1990,
22 or Washington state for offenses committed before, on, or after
23 February 28, 1990, and to kidnapping offenders convicted under the laws
24 of another state or a foreign country, federal or military statutes, or
25 Washington state for offenses committed before, on, or after July 27,
26 1997. Sex offenders and kidnapping offenders from other states or a
27 foreign country who, when they move to Washington, are under the
28 jurisdiction of the department of corrections, the indeterminate
29 sentence review board, or the department of social and health services
30 must register within twenty-four hours of moving to Washington. The
31 agency that has jurisdiction over the offender shall notify the
32 offender of the registration requirements before the offender moves to
33 Washington.

34 (vi) OFFENDERS FOUND NOT GUILTY BY REASON OF INSANITY. Any adult
35 or juvenile who has been found not guilty by reason of insanity under
36 chapter 10.77 RCW of (A) committing a sex offense on, before, or after
37 February 28, 1990, and who, on or after July 23, 1995, is in custody,
38 as a result of that finding, of the state department of social and

1 health services, or (B) committing a kidnapping offense on, before, or
2 after July 27, 1997, and who on or after July 27, 1997, is in custody,
3 as a result of that finding, of the state department of social and
4 health services, must register within twenty-four hours from the time
5 of release with the county sheriff for the county of the person's
6 residence. The state department of social and health services shall
7 provide notice to the adult or juvenile in its custody of the duty to
8 register. Any adult or juvenile who has been found not guilty by
9 reason of insanity of committing a sex offense on, before, or after
10 February 28, 1990, but who was released before July 23, 1995, or any
11 adult or juvenile who has been found not guilty by reason of insanity
12 of committing a kidnapping offense but who was released before July 27,
13 1997, shall be required to register within twenty-four hours of
14 receiving notice of this registration requirement. The state
15 department of social and health services shall make reasonable attempts
16 within available resources to notify sex offenders who were released
17 before July 23, 1995, and kidnapping offenders who were released before
18 July 27, 1997. Failure to register within twenty-four hours of
19 release, or of receiving notice, constitutes a violation of this
20 section and is punishable as provided in subsection (~~(11)~~) (10) of
21 this section.

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

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

32 (ix) OFFENDERS WHO MOVE TO, WORK, CARRY ON A VOCATION, OR ATTEND
33 SCHOOL IN ANOTHER STATE. Offenders required to register in Washington,
34 who move to another state, or who work, carry on a vocation, or attend
35 school in another state shall register a new address, fingerprints, and
36 photograph with the new state within ten days after establishing
37 residence, or after beginning to work, carry on a vocation, or attend
38 school in the new state. The person must also send written notice

1 within ten days of moving to the new state or to a foreign country to
2 the county sheriff with whom the person last registered in Washington
3 state. The county sheriff shall promptly forward this information to
4 the Washington state patrol.

5 (b) Failure to register within the time required under this section
6 constitutes a per se violation of this section and is punishable as
7 provided in subsection (~~((11))~~) (10) of this section. The county
8 sheriff shall not be required to determine whether the person is living
9 within the county.

10 (c) An arrest on charges of failure to register, service of an
11 information, or a complaint for a violation of this section, or
12 arraignment on charges for a violation of this section, constitutes
13 actual notice of the duty to register. Any person charged with the
14 crime of failure to register under this section who asserts as a
15 defense the lack of notice of the duty to register shall register
16 immediately following actual notice of the duty through arrest,
17 service, or arraignment. Failure to register as required under this
18 subsection (4)(c) constitutes grounds for filing another charge of
19 failing to register. Registering following arrest, service, or
20 arraignment on charges shall not relieve the offender from criminal
21 liability for failure to register prior to the filing of the original
22 charge.

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

26 (5)(a) If any person required to register pursuant to this section
27 changes his or her residence address within the same county, the person
28 must send signed written notice of the change of address to the county
29 sheriff within seventy-two hours of moving. If any person required to
30 register pursuant to this section moves to a new county, the person
31 must send signed written notice of the change of address at least
32 fourteen days before moving to the county sheriff in the new county of
33 residence and must register with that county sheriff within twenty-four
34 hours of moving. The person must also send signed written notice
35 within ten days of the change of address in the new county to the
36 county sheriff with whom the person last registered. The county
37 sheriff with whom the person last registered shall promptly forward the
38 information concerning the change of address to the county sheriff for

1 the county of the person's new residence. Upon receipt of notice of
2 change of address to a new state, the county sheriff shall promptly
3 forward the information regarding the change of address to the agency
4 designated by the new state as the state's offender registration
5 agency.

6 (b) It is an affirmative defense to a charge that the person failed
7 to send a notice at least fourteen days in advance of moving as
8 required under (a) of this subsection that the person did not know the
9 location of his or her new residence at least fourteen days before
10 moving. The defendant must establish the defense by a preponderance of
11 the evidence and, to prevail on the defense, must also prove by a
12 preponderance that the defendant sent the required notice within
13 twenty-four hours of determining the new address.

14 (6)(a) Any person required to register under this section who lacks
15 a fixed residence shall provide signed written notice to the sheriff of
16 the county where he or she last registered within forty-eight hours
17 excluding weekends and holidays after ceasing to have a fixed
18 residence. The notice shall include the information required by
19 subsection (3)(b) of this section, except the photograph and
20 fingerprints. The county sheriff may, for reasonable cause, require
21 the offender to provide a photograph and fingerprints. The sheriff
22 shall forward this information to the sheriff of the county in which
23 the person intends to reside, if the person intends to reside in
24 another county.

25 (b) A person who lacks a fixed residence must report weekly, in
26 person, to the sheriff of the county where he or she is registered.
27 The weekly report shall be on a day specified by the county sheriff's
28 office, and shall occur during normal business hours. The county
29 sheriff's office may require the person to list the locations where the
30 person has stayed during the last seven days. The lack of a fixed
31 residence is a factor that may be considered in determining an
32 offender's risk level and shall make the offender subject to disclosure
33 of information to the public at large pursuant to RCW 4.24.550.

34 (c) If any person required to register pursuant to this section
35 does not have a fixed residence, it is an affirmative defense to the
36 charge of failure to register, that he or she provided written notice
37 to the sheriff of the county where he or she last registered within
38 forty-eight hours excluding weekends and holidays after ceasing to have

1 a fixed residence and has subsequently complied with the requirements
2 of subsections (4)(a)(vii) or (viii) and (6) of this section. To
3 prevail, the person must prove the defense by a preponderance of the
4 evidence.

5 ~~(7) ((All offenders who are required to register pursuant to this
6 section who have a fixed residence and who are designated as a risk
7 level II or III must report, in person, every ninety days to the
8 sheriff of the county where he or she is registered. Reporting shall
9 be on a day specified by the county sheriff's office, and shall occur
10 during normal business hours. An offender who complies with the
11 ninety day reporting requirement with no violations for a period of at
12 least five years in the community may petition the superior court to be
13 relieved of the duty to report every ninety days. The petition shall
14 be made to the superior court in the county where the offender resides
15 or reports under this section. The prosecuting attorney of the county
16 shall be named and served as respondent in any such petition. The
17 court shall relieve the petitioner of the duty to report if the
18 petitioner shows, by a preponderance of the evidence, that the
19 petitioner has complied with the reporting requirement for a period of
20 at least five years and that the offender has not been convicted of a
21 criminal violation of this section for a period of at least five years,
22 and the court determines that the reporting no longer serves a public
23 safety purpose. Failure to report, as specified, constitutes a
24 violation of this section and is punishable as provided in subsection
25 (11) of this section.~~

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

1 copy of the order to the county sheriff of the county of the person's
2 residence and to the state patrol within five days of the entry of the
3 order.

4 ~~((+9+))~~ (8) The county sheriff shall obtain a photograph of the
5 individual and shall obtain a copy of the individual's fingerprints.
6 A photograph may be taken at any time to update an individual's file.

7 ~~((+10+))~~ (9) For the purpose of RCW 9A.44.130, 10.01.200,
8 43.43.540, 70.48.470, and 72.09.330:

9 (a) "Sex offense" means:

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

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

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

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

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

22 (b) "Kidnapping offense" means: (i) The crimes of kidnapping in
23 the first degree, kidnapping in the second degree, and unlawful
24 imprisonment, as defined in chapter 9A.40 RCW, where the victim is a
25 minor and the offender is not the minor's parent; (ii) any offense that
26 is, under chapter 9A.28 RCW, a criminal attempt, criminal solicitation,
27 or criminal conspiracy to commit an offense that is classified as a
28 kidnapping offense under this subsection ~~((+10+))~~ (9)(b); and (iii) any
29 federal or out-of-state conviction for an offense that under the laws
30 of this state would be classified as a kidnapping offense under this
31 subsection ~~((+10+))~~ (9)(b).

32 (c) "Employed" or "carries on a vocation" means employment that is
33 full-time or part-time for a period of time exceeding fourteen days, or
34 for an aggregate period of time exceeding thirty days during any
35 calendar year. A person is employed or carries on a vocation whether
36 the person's employment is financially compensated, volunteered, or for
37 the purpose of government or educational benefit.

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

5 ~~((+11+))~~ (10)(a) A person who knowingly fails to comply with any of
6 the requirements of this section is guilty of a class B felony if the
7 crime for which the individual was convicted was a felony sex offense
8 as defined in subsection ~~((+10+))~~ (9)(a) of this section or a federal
9 or out-of-state conviction for an offense that under the laws of this
10 state would be a felony sex offense as defined in subsection ~~((+10+))~~
11 (9)(a) of this section.

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

16 ~~((+12+))~~ (11)(a) A person who knowingly fails to comply with any of
17 the requirements of this section is guilty of a class C felony if the
18 crime for which the individual was convicted was a felony kidnapping
19 offense as defined in subsection ~~((+10+))~~ (9)(b) of this section or a
20 federal or out-of-state conviction for an offense that under the laws
21 of this state would be a felony kidnapping offense as defined in
22 subsection ~~((+10+))~~ (9)(b) of this section.

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

27 ~~((+13+))~~ (12) Except as may otherwise be provided by law, nothing
28 in this section shall impose any liability upon a peace officer,
29 including a county sheriff, or law enforcement agency, for failing to
30 release information authorized under this section.

31 **Sec. 2.** RCW 9A.44.135 and 2000 c 91 s 1 are each amended to read
32 as follows:

33 (1) When an offender registers with the county sheriff pursuant to
34 RCW 9A.44.130, the county sheriff shall notify the police chief or town
35 marshal of the jurisdiction in which the offender has registered to
36 live. ~~((If the offender registers to live in an unincorporated area of
37 the county,))~~ The sheriff shall ~~((make reasonable attempts to))~~ verify

1 that the offender is residing at the registered address as provided in
2 section 3 of this act. ~~((If the offender registers to live in an~~
3 ~~incorporated city or town, the police chief or town marshal shall make~~
4 ~~reasonable attempts to verify that the offender is residing at the~~
5 ~~registered address. Reasonable attempts at verifying an address shall~~
6 ~~include at a minimum:~~

7 ~~(a) For offenders who have not been previously designated sexually~~
8 ~~violent predators under chapter 71.09 RCW or an equivalent procedure in~~
9 ~~another jurisdiction,))~~

10 (2) In addition to the requirements regarding address verification
11 provided in section 3 of this act, each year the ~~((chief law~~
12 ~~enforcement officer))~~ county sheriff of the jurisdiction where the
13 offender is registered to live shall send by certified mail, with
14 return receipt requested, a nonforwardable verification form to the
15 offender at the offender's last registered address. ~~((b))~~ For
16 offenders who have been previously designated sexually violent
17 predators under chapter 71.09 RCW or the equivalent procedure in
18 another jurisdiction, even if the designation has subsequently been
19 removed, every ninety days the county sheriff shall send by certified
20 mail, with return receipt requested, a nonforwardable verification form
21 to the offender at the offender's last registered address.

22 ~~((c))~~ (a) The offender must sign the verification form, state on
23 the form whether he or she still resides at the last registered
24 address, and return the form to the ~~((chief law enforcement officer of~~
25 ~~the jurisdiction where the offender is registered to live))~~ county
26 sheriff by certified mail, with return receipt requested, within ten
27 days after receipt of the form.

28 ~~((2) The chief law enforcement officer of the jurisdiction where~~
29 ~~the offender has registered to live shall make reasonable attempts to~~
30 ~~locate any sex offender who fails to return the verification form or~~
31 ~~who cannot be located at the registered address.~~

32 ~~If the offender fails to return the verification form or the~~
33 ~~offender is not at the last registered address, the chief law~~
34 ~~enforcement officer of the jurisdiction where the offender has~~
35 ~~registered to live shall promptly forward this information to the~~
36 ~~county sheriff and to the Washington state patrol for inclusion in the~~
37 ~~central registry of sex offenders.))~~

1 (b) A county sheriff may enter into an agreement with one or more
2 police chiefs or town marshals for the purposes of delegating the
3 authority and obligation to fulfill the requirements of this subsection
4 to a police chief or town marshal.

5 (3) When an offender notifies the county sheriff of a change to his
6 or her residence address pursuant to RCW 9A.44.130, and the new address
7 is in a different law enforcement jurisdiction, the county sheriff
8 shall notify the police chief or town marshal of the jurisdiction from
9 which the offender has moved.

10 (4) Whenever the county sheriff determines an offender is not at
11 the last registered address, the county sheriff of the jurisdiction
12 where the offender has registered to live shall promptly forward this
13 information to the Washington state patrol for inclusion in the central
14 registry of sex offenders.

15 NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. A new section is added to chapter 36.28A RCW
16 to read as follows:

17 (1) When funded, the Washington association of sheriffs and police
18 chiefs shall administer a grant program to county sheriffs for the
19 purpose of verifying the address and residency of sex offenders and
20 kidnapping offenders registered under RCW 9A.44.130 who reside within
21 the county sheriff's jurisdiction. The Washington association of
22 sheriffs and police chiefs shall:

23 (a) Enter into performance-based agreements with units of local
24 governments to ensure that registered offender address and residency
25 are verified:

26 (i) For level I offenders, every twelve months;

27 (ii) For level II offenders, every six months; and

28 (iii) For level III offenders, every three months;

29 (b) Collect performance data from all participating jurisdictions
30 sufficient to evaluate the efficiency and effectiveness of the address
31 and residency verification program; and

32 (c) Submit a report on the effectiveness of the address and
33 residency verification program to the governor and the appropriate
34 committees of the house of representatives and senate by December 31st
35 each year.

36 (2) The Washington association of sheriffs and police chiefs may
37 retain up to three percent of the amount provided in this section for

1 the cost of administration. Any funds not disbursed for address and
2 residency verification or retained for administration may be allocated
3 to local prosecutors for the prosecution costs associated with failing
4 to register offenses.

5 (3) For the purposes of this section, unclassified offenders and
6 kidnapping offenders shall be considered at risk level I unless in the
7 opinion of the local jurisdiction a higher classification is in the
8 interest of public safety.

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