

CHAPTER 142

(Senate Bill 79)

AN ACT concerning

Child Sexual Offenders – Notification and Registration

FOR the purpose of requiring ~~the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services, the Director of the Patuxent Institution, and the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, administrators of certain local detention centers, and certain courts to notify certain individuals of the release or escape of child sexual offenders; specifying the contents of a notice required under this Act; requiring certain individuals convicted of, granted probation before judgment for, or found not criminally responsible for, certain sexual offenses against children to register with the local certain law enforcement agency in the jurisdiction in which the child sexual offender resides agencies and to send written notice to certain individuals within a certain period of time; requiring the Department of Parole and Probation to adopt certain regulations concerning the notification requirements under this Act; specifying the contents of registration statements; establishing certain procedures for the registration and notification of changes of address; requiring local certain law enforcement agencies to send certain information to the State Police, the police departments of certain municipal corporations under certain circumstances, and certain school superintendents within certain periods of time; authorizing certain law enforcement agencies to send certain information to certain community organizations under certain circumstances; requiring certain law enforcement agencies to establish certain procedures; specifying that certain persons are immune from civil liability for the release of certain information; requiring certain law enforcement agencies and the State Police to send copies of registration statements to certain individuals upon request; requiring that registration statements be kept confidential, except under certain circumstances; requiring child sexual offenders to register for a certain number of years; providing a certain penalty for violation of certain provisions of this Act; defining certain terms; providing for the prospective application of this Act; certain supervising authorities to send written notice of the release of a child sexual offender to the local law enforcement agency in the county where the offender will reside; requiring that the written notice contain certain information; requiring that such notice be sent to certain persons upon request and to certain other persons under certain circumstances; requiring a child sexual offender to register with the local law enforcement agency within a certain period; requiring a local law enforcement agency to send a certain notice to the county superintendent within a certain period; requiring the county superintendent to send a certain notice to the principals of the schools within the supervision of the superintendent within a certain period; allowing a local law enforcement agency to send a certain notice to certain other organizations under certain circumstances; requiring a local law enforcement agency to establish procedures for carrying out certain parts of the Act; establishing certain immunity for elected public officials, public employees, and public agencies; requiring a supervising authority to give written notice of the registration requirements of the Act to a child sexual offender and obtain a signed statement from the offender acknowledging receipt of the notice; requiring that a registration statement include certain information;~~