

(iii) A local law enforcement agency shall keep records of all written requests received under subparagraph (i) of this paragraph.

(5) An elected public official, public employee, or public agency is immune from civil liability for damages arising out of any action relating to the provisions of this subsection, unless it is shown that the official, employee, or agency acted with gross negligence or in bad faith.

(h) (1) If a child sexual offender changes residences, the offender shall send written notice of the change within 7 days after the change occurs to the local law enforcement agency with whom the offender last registered.

(2) As soon as possible and in no event later than 3 working days after receipt of the notice, the local law enforcement agency shall give notice of the change to the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services, and if the new residence is in a different jurisdiction, to the local law enforcement agency in whose jurisdiction the new residence is located.

(i) A child sexual offender shall register with a local law enforcement agency annually for 10 years after:

(1) The last date of release;

(2) The offender is granted probation before judgment, probation after judgment, or a suspended sentence; or

(3) Receives a sentence that does not include a term of imprisonment.

(j) If a child sexual offender will reside after release in a municipal corporation that has a police department, or, in the case where a child sexual offender escapes from a facility and the offender resided, before the offender was committed to the custody of a supervising authority, in a municipal corporation that has a police department, a local law enforcement agency with which a child sexual offender registers or sends a change in registration under this section shall send a copy of the registration statement or change in registration to the police department of the municipal corporation.

(k) A child sexual offender who knowingly fails to register as required by this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to imprisonment in the penitentiary for not more than 3 years or a fine of not more than \$5,000 or both.

DRAFTER'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 27, § 692B of the Code.

There are no changes.

793. RAPE CRISIS PROGRAMS.

(a) (1) The General Assembly finds and declares that an increasing number of rape and sexual offense victims in Maryland do not have access to necessary counseling and follow-up services. The General Assembly further finds that several areas of the State have extremely limited support services to assist an alleged victim of rape and other sexual offenses.