

"AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That except as provided in this Act, notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, this Act may not be construed to impose a duty on or otherwise require a person to disclose that an individual is registered under this Act."

Section 6 of House Bill 343 contains an equivalent section that omits "That" and "notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary." Section 2 of House Bill 342 also has this provision, but has the word "and" prior to "notwithstanding...."

18. Senate Bill 605, Section 8 expressly authorizes the Court of Appeals to adopt rules governing the determination of sexually violent predators. House Bills 342 and 343 do not.

19. Senate Bill 605 and House Bill 342 have an effective date of October 1, 1997. House Bill 343 would take effect July 1, 1997.

Very truly yours,
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House Bill No. 342

AN ACT concerning

Child Sexual Offenders - ~~Required Notice of Registration~~

FOR the purpose of requiring certain supervising authorities to notify the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services of ~~the release of certain actions relating to~~ child sexual offenders; altering provisions of law to require certain child sexual offenders to register with a certain supervising authority, instead of in addition to the local law enforcement agency; altering provisions of law to require the Department, instead of in addition to a local law enforcement agency, to be responsible for registering certain child sexual offenders and the receipt, maintenance, and dissemination of certain notices, records, and registration statements; requiring the Department to notify certain law enforcement agencies of a registration; altering provisions to require the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services and local law enforcement agencies to make certain notifications of registration statements regarding child sexual offenders to certain organizations and persons under certain circumstances; requiring the notification of any other person or organization that may serve to protect the public concerning a specific child sexual offender; allowing local law enforcement agencies to make certain disclosures; prohibiting the disclosure of the identity of the victim of an offense that requires registration of the offender; providing that certain disclosures may not be construed to limit or prohibit other disclosures; requiring the Department to establish certain procedures; providing for the contents of the registration statement that is provided to certain persons; requiring the supervising authority to obtain a photograph and fingerprints of the child sexual offender and include copies of them in the registration statement; requiring the supervising authority to send the registration statement to the Department; altering certain time periods; requiring the Department to reimburse supervising authorities for the