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1 AN ACT Relating to sex offender and kidnapping offender residences;
2 amending RCW 72.09.340; 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 2001 c 169 s 1 and 2001 c 95 s 2 are
5 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

6 (1) Any adult or juvenile residing whether or not the person has a
7 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 such
3 adult or juvenile who is admitted to a public or private institution of
4 higher education shall, within ten days of enrolling or by the first
5 business day after arriving at the institution, whichever is earlier,
6 notify the sheriff for the county of the person's residence of the
7 person's intent to attend the institution. Persons required to
8 register under this section who are enrolled in a public or private
9 institution of higher education on June 11, 1998, must notify the
10 county sheriff immediately. The sheriff shall notify the institution's
11 department of public safety and shall provide that department with the
12 same information provided to a county sheriff under subsection (3) of
13 this section.

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

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

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

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

32 (i) OFFENDERS IN CUSTODY. (A) Sex offenders who committed a sex
33 offense on, before, or after February 28, 1990, and who, on or after
34 July 28, 1991, are in custody, as a result of that offense, of the
35 state department of corrections, the state department of social and
36 health services, a local division of youth services, or a local jail or
37 juvenile detention facility, and (B) kidnapping offenders who on or
38 after July 27, 1997, are in custody of the state department of
39 corrections, the state department of social and health services, a

1 local division of youth services, or a local jail or juvenile detention
2 facility, must register at the time of release from custody with an
3 official designated by the agency that has jurisdiction over the
4 offender. The agency shall within three days forward the registration
5 information to the county sheriff for the county of the offender's
6 anticipated residence. The offender must also register within twenty-
7 four hours from the time of release with the county sheriff for the
8 county of the person's residence, or if the person is not a resident of
9 Washington, the county of the person's school, or place of employment
10 or vocation. The agency that has jurisdiction over the offender shall
11 provide notice to the offender of the duty to register. Failure to
12 register at the time of release and within twenty-four hours of release
13 constitutes a violation of this section and is punishable as provided
14 in subsection (~~(10)~~) (11) of this section.

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

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

1 was required to register under this subsection (4)(a)(ii) as of July
2 28, 1991, or a kidnapping offender required to register as of July 27,
3 1997, shall not relieve the offender of the duty to register or to
4 reregister following a change in residence. The obligation to register
5 shall only cease pursuant to RCW 9A.44.140.

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

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

1 sentencing, shall report to the county sheriff to register immediately
2 upon completion of being sentenced.

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

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

1 of committing a kidnapping offense but who was released before July 27,
2 1997, shall be required to register within twenty-four hours of
3 receiving notice of this registration requirement. The state
4 department of social and health services shall make reasonable attempts
5 within available resources to notify sex offenders who were released
6 before July 23, 1995, and kidnapping offenders who were released before
7 July 27, 1997. Failure to register within twenty-four hours of
8 release, or of receiving notice, constitutes a violation of this
9 section and is punishable as provided in subsection (~~((10))~~) (11) of
10 this section.

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

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

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

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

37 (c) An arrest on charges of failure to register, service of an
38 information, or a complaint for a violation of this section, or
39 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
39 denied when the name change is requested for religious or legitimate

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

7 (8) A sex offender subject to registration requirements under this
8 section shall not reside within a five-mile radius of the victim's
9 current residence as measured from property lines.

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

12 ((+9)) (10) For the purpose of RCW 9A.44.130, 10.01.200,
13 43.43.540, 70.48.470, and 72.09.330:

14 (a) "Sex offense" means:

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

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

18 (iii) 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 (iv) 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)) (10)(b); and (iii) any
32 federal or out-of-state conviction for an offense that under the laws
33 of this state would be classified as a kidnapping offense under this
34 subsection ((+9)) (10)(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
38 calendar year. A person is employed or carries on a vocation whether

1 the person's employment is financially compensated, volunteered, or for
2 the purpose of government or educational benefit.

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

7 (~~(10)~~) (11) A person who knowingly fails to register with the
8 county sheriff or notify the county sheriff, or who changes his or her
9 name without notifying the county sheriff and the state patrol, as
10 required by this section is guilty of a class C felony if the crime for
11 which the individual was convicted was a felony sex offense as defined
12 in subsection (~~(9)~~) (10)(a) of this section or a federal or out-of-
13 state conviction for an offense that under the laws of this state would
14 be a felony sex offense as defined in subsection (~~(9)~~) (10)(a) of
15 this section. If the crime was other than a felony or a federal or
16 out-of-state conviction for an offense that under the laws of this
17 state would be other than a felony, violation of this section is a
18 gross misdemeanor.

19 (~~(11)~~) (12) A person who knowingly fails to register or who moves
20 within the state without notifying the county sheriff as required by
21 this section is guilty of a class C felony if the crime for which the
22 individual was convicted was a felony kidnapping offense as defined in
23 subsection (~~(9)~~) (10)(b) of this section or a federal or out-of-state
24 conviction for an offense that under the laws of this state would be a
25 felony kidnapping offense as defined in subsection (~~(9)~~) (10)(b) of
26 this section. If the crime was other than a felony or a federal or
27 out-of-state conviction for an offense that under the laws of this
28 state would be other than a felony, violation of this section is a
29 gross misdemeanor.

30 **Sec. 2.** RCW 72.09.340 and 1996 c 215 s 3 are each amended to read
31 as follows:

32 (1) In making all discretionary decisions regarding release plans
33 for and supervision of sex offenders, the department shall set
34 priorities and make decisions based on an assessment of public safety
35 risks.

36 (2) The department shall, no later than September 1, 1996,
37 implement a policy governing the department's evaluation and approval
38 of release plans for sex offenders. The policy shall include, at a

1 minimum, a formal process by which victims, witnesses, and other
2 interested people may provide information and comments to the
3 department on potential safety risks to specific individuals or classes
4 of individuals posed by a specific sex offender. The department shall
5 make all reasonable efforts to publicize the availability of this
6 process through currently existing mechanisms and shall seek the
7 assistance of courts, prosecutors, law enforcement, and victims'
8 advocacy groups in doing so. Notice of an offender's proposed
9 residence shall be provided to all people registered to receive notice
10 of an offender's release under RCW 9.94A.612(2), except that in no case
11 may this notification requirement be construed to require an extension
12 of an offender's release date.

13 (3) For any offender convicted of a felony sex offense against a
14 minor victim after June 6, 1996, or a victim of any age on or after the
15 effective date of this act, the department shall not approve a
16 residence location if the proposed residence: (a) Includes a minor
17 victim or child of similar age or circumstance as a previous victim who
18 the department determines may be put at substantial risk of harm by the
19 offender's residence in the household; or (b) is within ((else
20 proximity)) five miles of the current residence of a ((minor)) victim,
21 unless the whereabouts of the ((minor)) victim cannot be determined or
22 unless such a restriction would impede family reunification efforts
23 ordered by the court or directed by the department of social and health
24 services. The department is further authorized to reject a residence
25 location if the proposed residence is within close proximity to
26 schools, child care centers, playgrounds, or other grounds or
27 facilities where children of similar age or circumstance as a previous
28 victim are present who the department determines may be put at
29 substantial risk of harm by the sex offender's residence at that
30 location.

31 (4) When the department requires supervised visitation as a term or
32 condition of a sex offender's community placement under RCW
33 9.94A.700(6), the department shall, prior to approving a supervisor,
34 consider the following: (a) The relationships between the proposed
35 supervisor, the offender, and the minor; (b) the proposed supervisor's
36 acknowledgment and understanding of the offender's prior criminal
37 conduct, general knowledge of the dynamics of child sexual abuse, and
38 willingness and ability to protect the minor from the potential risks
39 posed by contact with the offender; and (c) recommendations made by the

1 department of social and health services about the best interests of
2 the child.

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