



Many States Currently Addressing Sex Offender Laws in their Legislation

by Lynn Gilmore

As the new legislation sessions get underway in many states, there are bills that are being presented that need to be challenged if we are going to see any progress with sex offender laws this year. Contact your local RSOL representative to see how you and your family members can get involved and possibly testify against these bills. The following are just some of the states currently in legislation addressing bills targeting sex offenders.

Alabama:

HB 34 - "Continuous Sexual Abuse" Act

See: <http://goo.gl/DXe7E>

Contact Derek Logue at iamthefallen1@yahoo.com or visit <http://goo.gl/htZbW> for more information.

Florida:

SB 964 - Protection of Minors and CS/HB 437 - Protection of Minors.

HB 731 - Residency Restrictions for Persons Convicted of Certain Sex Offenses and Required to Register as Sexual Offenders or Sexual Predators.

SB 1004 - Sexual Offenders/Sexual Predators.

SB 1096 - Public Records/Registration Information/Sexual Predators and Sexual Offenders.

SB 1098 - Mandatory Minimum Sentencing of Substance Abusers and Sex Offenders.

SB 1100 - Monitoring Juvenile Offenders.

SB 1200 - Sexual Offenders and Sexual Predators.

HB 1385 & SB 1618 - Child Pornography.

SB 1812 - Sexual Predators and Offenders.

To see these bills and more, visit: <http://goo.gl/0IYy6>

Contact: Florida Action Committee at (904) 438-8FAC or visit: <http://www.floridaactioncommittee.org> for more information.

Georgia:

HB 142 - Official Code of Georgia Annotated; revise, modernize, and correct errors or omissions.

HB 162 - Sexual offender registry; photograph minor without parent permission; prohibit.

HB 215 - Drivers' licenses; convicted of crime against a minor; prohibit certain transport.

HB 299 - DNA analysis; transfer provisions; expand types of samples collected; provisions.

HB 665 - Clerk of superior court offices; modernize provisions.

SB 57 - Drivers' Licenses; prohibit persons convicted; offense against a victim who is a minor; driving commercial motor vehicles; transport 16/more persons.

SB 80 - Evidence; provide for DNA analysis of persons arrested for felony offenses.

Contact Jennifer by visiting: <http://goo.gl/wFPG4> for more information.

Kansas:

HB 2346 - Creating the classification of "aggravated sex offender;" creating additional penalties and restrictions for sex offenders.

HB 2568 - To amend the Kansas offender registration act.

Contact: Victoria Bliss at KansasLaw@hotmail.com for more information.

Indiana:

HB 1204 - Sex offender registry. Provides that certain sex offenders who are no longer required to register are not entitled to have their information (other than their addresses) purged from the registry. Specifies that persons who were previously required to register as sex offenders (as well as current sex offenders) are generally not permitted to restrict access to their conviction records.

SB 322 - Tort immunity for DOC employees and contractors. Provides for certain tort immunities pertaining to governmental entities and public employees for employees of the department of correction (DOC) and contractors of DOC who

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provide: (1) monitoring services; or (2) sex offender treatment; for certain offenders. Provides that a governmental entity or government employee is not liable if a loss results from an injury to a person or property of an individual who is on parole.

SB 368 - Statute of limitations for child sexual abuse. Increases the statute of limitations for a civil action based on child sexual abuse to the later of: (1) seven years after the cause of action accrues; or (2) four years after the person ceases to be a dependent of the person alleged to have performed the sexual abuse. Increases the statute of limitations for the criminal prosecution of certain sex offenses from five years to the later of: (1) ten years after the commission of the offense; or (2) four years after the person ceases to be a dependent of the person alleged to have committed the offense.

Contact Kimberly, Nick or Lynn by visiting: <http://goo.gl/skXxV> for more information, or visit <http://www.reformsexoffenderlawsindiana.com/>.

New York:

A00262 - Establishes penalties for failure to provide a DNA sample and failure to register or verify as a sex offender.

A00282 - Prohibits registered sex offenders from using or being within five hundred feet of any state or municipal-owned park.

A00424 - Sets forth procedures to be followed in the event a sex offender fails to mail a signed verification within twenty calendar days of mailing by DCJS.

A00749 - Makes sex offenders 13 or older, juvenile delinquents, juvenile offenders, youthful offenders, subject to the sex offender registry.

A01020 - Requires registered sex offenders to wear an electronic tagging device.

A01063 - Prohibits individuals who are registered sex offenders from receiving sexual performance enhancing drugs through medicaid.

A01115 - Requires sex offenders who fail to register or verify twice or more to wear a location-tracking device.

A01423 - Provides residency requirements for sex offenders.

A01448 - Requires level two sex offenders to disclose their employment address.

A01571 - Establishes additional restrictions on relocation of sex offenders whose victims were under the age of eighteen and on level three sex offenders.

...and many, many more!

A search on the <http://assembly.state.ny.us/leg/> using the key words "sex offender" reveals 180 bills targeting sex offenders!!!

Contact Rita Finley at nyrsol@aol.com or visit <http://nyrsol.webs.com/> for more information.

Oklahoma:

SB 334 - Sex offenders; Tabby's law; electronic monitoring program.

SB 387 - Mental health service providers; creating the Protection Against Sexual Exploitation By a Mental Health Services Provider Act. Codification.

SB 1355 - Prisons and reformatories; requiring a court order to be removed from the Sex Offenders Registry under certain circumstances.

SB 1365 - Crimes and punishments and sex offenders; making certain property a zone of safety.

HB 1988 - Crimes and punishments; expanding definition of rape.

HB 2006 - Crimes and punishments; including description of text messages with certain sexual content.

HB 2190 - Sexually violent predators; establishing court proceedings for commitment of sexually violent predators.

HB 2506 - Sex offenders; deleting applicable date for registration requirements.

HB 3049 - Sex offenders; prohibiting certain sex offenders from residing with minor children.

HB 3050 - Sex offenders; increasing certain age limitation; codification.

To see these bills and may more affecting sex offenders: <http://goo.gl/Grjrt>

Contact: Rebecca Walkup at rsol.ok@gmail.com for more information.

Pennsylvania:

HB 755 - An Act amending providing for limitations on residence of individuals convicted of certain offenses.

HB 2742 - An Act providing for registration by sex offenders and sexually violent predators of Internet accounts and Internet identifiers; establishing a State registry of Internet accounts and Internet identifiers of sex offenders and sexually violent predators; and establishing a matching system for social networking Internet websites.

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HB 356 - An amending Act- providing for loss of property rights by certain offenders and for conduct relating to sex offenders; further providing for failure to comply with sexual offender registration requirements; defining "GPS" and "GPS tracking device"; further GPS tracking, for restricted travel, for alert system and for child protective zones.

HB 484 - An Act amending referred to as the Prisoner Pre-release Plan Law, providing for eligibility for certain pre-release centers.

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SB 1231 - An Act amending in falsification and intimidation, further providing for failure to comply with registration of sexual offenders requirements; in registration of sexual offenders, defining "transient".

HB 766 - An Act requiring persons convicted of arson and related offenses to register with local authorities.

Currently there are 28 bills targeting sex offenders in the Pennsylvania legislation. <http://goo.gl/3xIh2>

Also, PARSOL is working to file a lawsuit against the AWA (Adam Walsh Act) and has gotten a lawyer to represent the case. Please contact Matthew Weisberg, Esq. at (484) 842-4030 or (866) 570-6945 for more information about the case and how you can contribute to the retainer.

Contact Frank at help@reformpennsylvania.org or visit <http://www.reformpennsylvania.org/> for more information.

Utah:

HB 389 - This bill allows a person on the Sex Offender and Kidnap Offender Registry to petition the court for removal after five years for certain offenses. *This bill needs your support!*

HB 18 - This bill modifies the Code of Criminal Procedure regarding offenses on the Sex Offender and Kidnap Offender registry and a process for kidnapping and unlawful detention offenders to be removed from the registry.

HB 17 - This bill creates the Sex and Kidnap Offender Registry chapter in Title 77.

To see all the pending bills, visit <http://le.utah.gov/>

Contact Mary Gay at rsolutah@yahoo.com for more information.

Virginia:

HB 1271 - Sexually violent predators; mandatory minimum life sentence for certain sex crimes.

HB 1178 - Sex Offender and Crimes Against Minors Registry; offenders.

To see these bills and more, visit <http://legis.state.va.us/>

Contact Mary and John at rsolvirginia@comcast.net or visit <http://www.rsolvirginia.org/> for more information. ■

SOSEN Staff Project: Failed Policy Series

SOSEN Staff is currently working on a series of "Failed Policy Position Papers" and the first one completed is on Mandated Reporting and is already posted on the SOSEN forum. The following is a list of all the topics that these position papers will address:

Mandated Reporting - A Failed Policy in Reducing Sexual Offending

The Sex Offender Registry - A Failed Policy in Reducing Sexual Offending

The Adam Walsh Act - A Failed Policy in Reducing Sexual Offending

Residency Restrictions - A Failed Policy in Reducing Sexual Offending

Mandatory Sex Offender Treatment - A Failed Policy in Reducing Sexual Offending

Mandatory Sentencing - A Failed Policy in Reducing Sexual Offending

Tier Classification Based on Conviction - A Failed Policy in Reducing Sexual Offending

There may be other articles added and if anyone is interested in assisting on these projects, we would welcome your help. ■

MTV: "True Life: I'm a Sex Offender"

MTV recently aired a new show called, "True Life: I'm a Sex Offender" featuring young men who are on the sex offender registry in various states.

The show aired January 18, and featured two young men from Florida and Illinois. Justine from Illinois was shown testifying on a new bill along with Tonia Maloney from Illinois Voices, and Terry from Florida went to court to petition to get removed from the state registry.

To watch the episode online, go to: <http://goo.gl/iMCxq> ■

RSOL Incorporated

Recently, the Reform Sex Offender Laws organization (www.reformsexoffenderlaws.org) has become incorporated so that the organization can obtain tax-exempt status as a 501(c)4 advocacy organization. ■

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Our toll free number is available for the public, media and lawmakers to contact us for educational materials and information on sex offender laws and issues. Call **800-773-4319**.

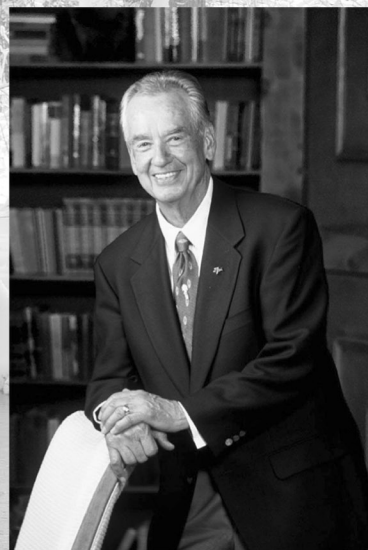


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If you are receiving this newsletter for the first time, please do not be alarmed. **We want you to know that you are not alone and we are here to help you, if you need it.** We contacted you because you or someone you know is listed on the registries and we will absolutely **NOT** share any of your information with anyone. We have used the most discreet way we can find to contact you. We want you to know that there **is** support for you and your family members.

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determines how far you will go in life; it
is how you handle what happens to you.

~Zig Ziglar



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