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Senate Bill 834 (Senator Green)

Judicial Proceedings

Crimes - Offenders - Registration

This bill increases the sexual offender registration requirements for an “offender” so that such a person would be subject to lifetime registration if convicted of rape or a felony sexual offense or if convicted for a second violation. The bill is applied to offenses occurring on or after October 1, 2000.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Minimal. The bill’s requirements could be handled with the existing budgeted resources of State agencies responsible for recording and tracking sexual offender registrations.

Local Effect: Minimal. The bill’s requirements could be handled with the existing budgeted resources of local agencies responsible for recording and tracking sexual offender registrations.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: Sexual “offenders” must register annually for ten years. “Child sexual offenders” and “sexually violent offenders” are required to register annually for: (a) ten years; or (b) life if convicted of rape or a felony sexual offense or if convicted for a second violation. “Sexually violent predators” must register every 90 days for life.

Background: Maryland’s Megan’s Law is codified in Article 27, Section 792. The following classifications of offenders are registrants subject to the State’s Megan’s law: (1)

“child sexual offender;” (2) “offender;” (3) “sexually violent offender;” and (4) “sexually violent predator.” A conviction includes a finding of not criminally responsible or, if the court orders registration, a probation before judgment. The registration requirements also apply to individuals convicted of similar offenses in other jurisdictions if they move to, work in, or go to school in the State. The Information Technology and Communication Division of the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services is the State’s central repository for all sexual offender registrations.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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