



OHIO LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION

Bill Analysis

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H.B. 612

132nd General Assembly
(As Introduced)

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BILL SUMMARY

- Requires the Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation to establish and maintain a child abuse registry if funds are appropriated for that purpose or if the Attorney General determines that sufficient funds are available.
 - Names the provisions of the bill "Jacob's Law."
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CONTENT AND OPERATION

Child abuse registry

The bill requires the Attorney General, through the Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation (BCII) to establish and maintain a child abuse registry. However, the requirement only applies if the General Assembly appropriates funds or the Attorney General determines that sufficient funds are available for that purpose.¹ In establishing and maintaining the registry, BCII is permitted to rely on any information from the Uniform Statewide Automated Child Welfare Information System provided by the Department of Job and Family Services for inclusion in the registry.²

The child abuse registry must contain a record of all of the following information regarding every person who is convicted of or pleads guilty to a child abuse offense on or after the bill takes effect:³

¹ R.C. 109.67(B) and (E).

² R.C. 109.67(D) and 5101.132.

³ R.C. 109.67(B).

- The offender's full name and any alias used;
- The name of the offense or offenses for which the offender is included in the registry;
- The offender's last known residential address;
- The name and address of any place where the offender is employed;
- The name and address of any school or institution of higher education that the offender is attending;
- A photograph of the offender, if available;
- Any other identifying information prescribed by the Attorney General.

Website

Once a child abuse registry is established, BCII must post the registry on the Attorney General's website. The registry must be publicly accessible and searchable through the Internet. BCII must update information in the posted registry at least once every 30 days.⁴

Child abuse offenses

For purposes of the bill, all of the following are "child abuse offenses" if committed when the offender was 18 or older and involving a victim who was under 14 years old at the time of the offense:⁵

- Aggravated murder (R.C. 2903.01);
- Murder (R.C. 2903.02);
- Voluntary manslaughter (R.C. 2903.03);
- Involuntary manslaughter (R.C. 2903.04);
- Reckless homicide (R.C. 2903.041);
- Negligent homicide (R.C. 2903.05);

⁴ R.C. 109.67(C).

⁵ R.C. 109.67(A).



- Felonious assault (R.C. 2903.11);
- Aggravated assault (R.C. 2903.12);
- Assault (R.C. 2903.13);
- Negligent assault (R.C. 2903.14);
- Permitting child abuse (R.C. 2903.15);
- Trafficking in persons (R.C. 2905.32);
- Nonsupport of dependents (R.C. 2919.21);
- Endangering children (R.C. 2919.22);
- Domestic violence (R.C. 2919.25);
- A sexually oriented offense (R.C. 2950.01).

Jacob's Law

The bill's provisions are to be known as "Jacob's Law."⁶

HISTORY

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⁶ Section 3.

