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SUMMARY

- Creates the Repeat Domestic Violence Offender Registry maintained by the Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation (BCI).
- If a court determines a person to be a repeat domestic violence offender, requires the person to register with BCI.
- Requires BCI to remove the repeat domestic violence offender from the Registry after two, five, or ten years, based on the offender's prior convictions of domestic violence.

DETAILED ANALYSIS

Repeat Domestic Violence Offender Registry

Creation of the Registry

The bill creates the Repeat Domestic Violence Offender Registry and requires the Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation (BCI) to maintain the Registry.¹

Repeat domestic offender classification

If a person is convicted of or pleads guilty or nolo contendere to domestic violence, the bill requires the court to determine whether the person is a repeat domestic violence offender.² A "repeat domestic violence offender" is a person about whom both of the following apply:³

¹ R.C. 2919.252(B).

² R.C. 2919.252(C)(1).

³ R.C. 2919.252(A)(2).

- The person currently is being convicted of or pleading guilty or nolo contendere to domestic violence;
- The person previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty or nolo contendere to domestic violence.

If the court determines that the person is a repeat domestic violence offender, the bill requires the court to order the repeat domestic violence offender to register with BCI. The clerk of the court must provide BCI with a certified copy of the record of conviction or plea of guilty or nolo contendere to domestic violence not later than seven days after the date of conviction or plea of guilty or nolo contendere.⁴

Registration

If the court orders a repeat domestic violence offender to register with BCI, the bill requires the repeat domestic violence offender to register with BCI not later than seven days after the date of conviction or plea of guilty or nolo contendere to domestic violence by providing BCI with the following information:⁵

- A certified copy of any records of a conviction of or plea of guilty or nolo contendere to domestic violence;
- The repeat domestic violence offender's name;
- The repeat domestic violence offender's date of birth;
- The date of conviction or plea of guilty or nolo contendere to domestic violence;
- The name of the court in which the repeat domestic violence offender was convicted of or pleaded guilty or nolo contendere to domestic violence;
- A current photograph of the repeat domestic violence offender;
- A copy of the repeat domestic violence offender's driver's license or state identification card.

Entry into the Registry

The bill requires BCI to enter the repeat domestic violence offender and the information described above into the Repeat Domestic Violence Offender Registry.⁶

BCI must make the information described above available to the public on BCI's website, except for the following: (1) the copy of the domestic violence offender's driver's license or state

⁴ R.C. 2919.252(C)(2).

⁵ R.C. 2919.252(D).

⁶ R.C. 2919.252(E)(1).

identification card, and (2) the repeat domestic violence offender’s “personal identifiers”⁷ (address, Social Security number, driver’s license number, or any state identification number).⁸

Removal from the Registry

The bill requires BCI to remove the repeat domestic violence offender and the information described above from the Repeat Domestic Violence Offender Registry at the following intervals:⁹

- If the repeat domestic violence offender has one prior conviction or plea of guilty or nolo contendere to domestic violence, two years after the date of the most recent conviction or plea of guilty or nolo contendere to domestic violence;
- If the repeat domestic violence offender has two prior convictions or pleas of guilty or nolo contendere to domestic violence, five years after the date of the most recent conviction or plea of guilty or nolo contendere to domestic violence;
- If the repeat domestic violence offender has three or more prior convictions or pleas of guilty or nolo contendere to domestic violence, ten years after the date of the most recent conviction or plea of guilty or nolo contendere to domestic violence.

HISTORY

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⁷ R.C. 2919.252(A)(1).

⁸ R.C. 2919.252(E)(2).

⁹ R.C. 2919.252(F).