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**Representative Lampton**

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**A BILL**

To amend section 2903.41 of the Revised Code to  
include certain child abuse-related offenses in  
the violent offender database and to name the  
act Jacob's Law.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:**

**Section 1.** That section 2903.41 of the Revised Code be  
amended to read as follows:

**Sec. 2903.41.** As used in sections 2903.41 to 2903.44 of  
the Revised Code:

(A) "Violent offender" means any of the following:

(1) A person who on or after the effective date of this  
section is convicted of or pleads guilty to any of the  
following:

(a) A violation of section 2903.01, 2903.02, 2903.03, or  
2905.01 of the Revised Code or a violation of section 2905.02 of  
the Revised Code that is a felony of the second degree;

(b) A violation of section 2903.15 or 2919.25 of the

Revised Code that was committed when the offender was eighteen 17  
years of age or older and that involved a victim who was under 18  
fourteen years of age at the time of the offense; 19

(c) Any attempt to commit, conspiracy to commit, or 20  
complicity in committing any offense listed in division (A) (1) 21  
(a) or (b) of this section. 22

(2) A person who on the effective date of this section has 23  
been convicted of or pleaded guilty to an offense listed in 24  
division (A) (1) of this section and is confined in a jail, 25  
workhouse, state correctional institution, or other institution, 26  
serving a prison term, term of imprisonment, or other term of 27  
confinement for the offense. 28

(B) "Community control sanction," "jail," and "prison" 29  
have the same meanings as in section 2929.01 of the Revised 30  
Code. 31

(C) "Out-of-state violent offender" means a person who is 32  
convicted of, pleads guilty to, has been convicted of, or has 33  
pleaded guilty to a violation of any existing or former 34  
municipal ordinance or law of another state or the United 35  
States, or any existing or former law applicable in a military 36  
court or in an Indian tribal court, that is or was substantially 37  
equivalent to any offense listed in division (A) (1) of this 38  
section. 39

(D) "Qualifying out-of-state violent offender" means an 40  
out-of-state violent offender who is aware of the existence of 41  
the violent offender database. 42

(E) "Post-release control sanction" and "supervised 43  
release" have the same meanings as in section 2950.01 of the 44  
Revised Code. 45

(F) "Change of address" means a change to a violent offender's or out-of-state violent offender's residence address, employment address, or school or institution of higher education address.

(G) "Violent offender database" means the database of violent offenders and out-of-state violent offenders that is established and maintained by the bureau of criminal identification and investigation under division (F) (2) of section 2903.43 of the Revised Code, that is operated by sheriffs under sections 2903.42 and 2903.43 of the Revised Code, and for which sheriffs obtain information from violent offenders and out-of-state violent offenders pursuant to sections 2903.42 and 2903.43 of the Revised Code.

(H) "Violent offender database duties" and "VOD duties" mean the duty to enroll, duty to re-enroll, and duty to provide notice of a change of address imposed on a violent offender or a qualifying out-of-state violent offender under section 2903.42, 2903.421, 2903.43, or 2903.44 of the Revised Code.

(I) "Ten-year enrollment period" means, for a violent offender who has violent offender database duties pursuant to section 2903.42 of the Revised Code or a qualifying out-of-state violent offender who has violent offender database duties pursuant to section 2903.421 of the Revised Code, ten years from the date on which the offender initially enrolls in the violent offender database.

(J) "Extended enrollment period" means, for a violent offender who has violent offender database duties pursuant to section 2903.42 of the Revised Code or a qualifying out-of-state violent offender who has violent offender database duties pursuant to section 2903.421 of the Revised Code, the offender's

enrollment period as extended pursuant to division (D) (2) of 76  
section 2903.43 of the Revised Code. 77

(K) "Prosecutor" means one of the following: 78

(1) As used in section 2903.42 of the Revised Code, the 79  
office of the prosecuting attorney who handled a violent 80  
offender's underlying case or the office of that prosecutor's 81  
successor. 82

(2) As used in sections 2903.421, 2903.43, and 2903.44 of 83  
the Revised Code, the office of the prosecuting attorney of the 84  
county in which a violent offender resides or of the county in 85  
which an out-of-state violent offender resides or occupies a 86  
dwelling. 87

**Section 2.** That existing section 2903.41 of the Revised 88  
Code is hereby repealed. 89

**Section 3.** This act shall be known as Jacob's Law. 90

**Section 4.** Sections 1, 2, and 3 of this act take effect 91  
six months after the effective date of this section. 92