

“public housing” may be used for such purposes in federally assisted, low-income housing.

(Pub. L. 103-322, title XV, §150007, Sept. 13, 1994, 108 Stat. 2035.)

#### REFERENCES IN TEXT

This Act, referred to in text, is Pub. L. 103-322, Sept. 13, 1994, 108 Stat. 1796, known as the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 13701 of this title and Tables.

### § 14062. Gang investigation coordination and information collection

#### (a) Coordination

The Attorney General (or the Attorney General’s designee), in consultation with the Secretary of the Treasury (or the Secretary’s designee), shall develop a national strategy to coordinate gang-related investigations by Federal law enforcement agencies.

#### (b) Data collection

The Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation shall acquire and collect information on incidents of gang violence for inclusion in an annual uniform crime report.

#### (c) Report

The Attorney General shall prepare a report on national gang violence outlining the strategy developed under subsection (a) of this section to be submitted to the President and Congress by January 1, 1996.

#### (d) Authorization of appropriations

There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section \$1,000,000 for fiscal year 1996.

(Pub. L. 103-322, title XV, §150008, Sept. 13, 1994, 108 Stat. 2036.)

#### SUBCHAPTER VI—CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN

### § 14071. Jacob Wetterling Crimes Against Children and Sexually Violent Offender Registration Program

#### (a) In general

##### (1) State guidelines

The Attorney General shall establish guidelines for State programs that require—

(A) a person who is convicted of a criminal offense against a victim who is a minor or who is convicted of a sexually violent offense to register a current address for the time period specified in subparagraph (A) of subsection (b)(6) of this section; and

(B) a person who is a sexually violent predator to register a current address for the time period specified in subparagraph (B) of subsection (b)(6) of this section.

##### (2) Determination of sexually violent predator status; waiver; alternative measures

###### (A) In general

A determination of whether a person is a sexually violent predator for purposes of this section shall be made by a court after considering the recommendation of a board

composed of experts in the behavior and treatment of sex offenders, victims’ rights advocates, and representatives of law enforcement agencies.

###### (B) Waiver

The Attorney General may waive the requirements of subparagraph (A) if the Attorney General determines that the State has established alternative procedures or legal standards for designating a person as a sexually violent predator.

###### (C) Alternative measures

The Attorney General may also approve alternative measures of comparable or greater effectiveness in protecting the public from unusually dangerous or recidivistic sexual offenders in lieu of the specific measures set forth in this section regarding sexually violent predators.

#### (3) Definitions

For purposes of this section:

(A) The term “criminal offense against a victim who is a minor” means any criminal offense in a range of offenses specified by State law which is comparable to or which exceeds the following range of offenses:

- (i) kidnapping of a minor, except by a parent;
- (ii) false imprisonment of a minor, except by a parent;
- (iii) criminal sexual conduct toward a minor;
- (iv) solicitation of a minor to engage in sexual conduct;
- (v) use of a minor in a sexual performance;
- (vi) solicitation of a minor to practice prostitution;
- (vii) any conduct that by its nature is a sexual offense against a minor;
- (viii) production or distribution of child pornography, as described in section 2251, 2252, or 2252A of title 18; or
- (ix) an attempt to commit an offense described in any of clauses (i) through (vii), if the State—

(I) makes such an attempt a criminal offense; and

(II) chooses to include such an offense in those which are criminal offenses against a victim who is a minor for the purposes of this section.

For purposes of this subparagraph conduct which is criminal only because of the age of the victim shall not be considered a criminal offense if the perpetrator is 18 years of age or younger.

(B) The term “sexually violent offense” means any criminal offense in a range of offenses specified by State law which is comparable to or which exceeds the range of offenses encompassed by aggravated sexual abuse or sexual abuse (as described in sections 2241 and 2242 of title 18 or as described in the State criminal code) or an offense that has as its elements engaging in physical contact with another person with intent to commit aggravated sexual abuse or sexual abuse (as described in such sections of title

18 or as described in the State criminal code).

(C) The term “sexually violent predator” means a person who has been convicted of a sexually violent offense and who suffers from a mental abnormality or personality disorder that makes the person likely to engage in predatory sexually violent offenses.

(D) The term “mental abnormality” means a congenital or acquired condition of a person that affects the emotional or volitional capacity of the person in a manner that predisposes that person to the commission of criminal sexual acts to a degree that makes the person a menace to the health and safety of other persons.

(E) The term “predatory” means an act directed at a stranger, or a person with whom a relationship has been established or promoted for the primary purpose of victimization.

(F) The term “employed, carries on a vocation” includes employment that is full-time or part-time for a period of time exceeding 14 days or for an aggregate period of time exceeding 30 days during any calendar year, whether financially compensated, volunteered, or for the purpose of government or educational benefit.

(G) The term “student” means a person who is enrolled on a full-time or part-time basis, in any public or private educational institution, including any secondary school, trade, or professional institution, or institution of higher education.

**(b) Registration requirement upon release, parole, supervised release, or probation**

An approved State registration program established under this section shall contain the following elements:

**(1) Duties of responsible officials**

(A) If a person who is required to register under this section is released from prison, or placed on parole, supervised release, or probation, a State prison officer, the court, or another responsible officer or official, shall—

(i) inform the person of the duty to register and obtain the information required for such registration;

(ii) inform the person that if the person changes residence address, the person shall report the change of address as provided by State law;

(iii) inform the person that if the person changes residence to another State, the person shall report the change of address as provided by State law and comply with any registration requirement in the new State of residence, and inform the person that the person must also register in a State where the person is employed, carries on a vocation, or is a student;

(iv) obtain fingerprints and a photograph of the person if these have not already been obtained in connection with the offense that triggers registration; and

(v) require the person to read and sign a form stating that the duty of the person to register under this section has been explained.

(B) In addition to the requirements of subparagraph (A), for a person required to register under subparagraph (B) of subsection (a)(1) of this section, the State prison officer, the court, or another responsible officer or official, as the case may be, shall obtain the name of the person, identifying factors, anticipated future residence, offense history, and documentation of any treatment received for the mental abnormality or personality disorder of the person.

**(2) Transfer of information to State and FBI; participation in national sex offender registry**

**(A) State reporting**

State procedures shall ensure that the registration information is promptly made available to a law enforcement agency having jurisdiction where the person expects to reside and entered into the appropriate State records or data system. State procedures shall also ensure that conviction data and fingerprints for persons required to register are promptly transmitted to the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

**(B) National reporting**

A State shall participate in the national database established under section 14072(b) of this title in accordance with guidelines issued by the Attorney General, including transmission of current address information and other information on registrants to the extent provided by the guidelines.

**(3) Verification**

(A) For a person required to register under subparagraph (A) of subsection (a)(1) of this section, State procedures shall provide for verification of address at least annually.

(B) The provisions of subparagraph (A) shall be applied to a person required to register under subparagraph (B) of subsection (a)(1) of this section, except that such person must verify the registration every 90 days after the date of the initial release or commencement of parole.

**(4) Notification of local law enforcement agencies of changes in address**

A change of address by a person required to register under this section shall be reported by the person in the manner provided by State law. State procedures shall ensure that the updated address information is promptly made available to a law enforcement agency having jurisdiction where the person will reside and entered into the appropriate State records or data system.

**(5) Registration for change of address to another State**

A person who has been convicted of an offense which requires registration under this section and who moves to another State, shall report the change of address to the responsible agency in the State the person is leaving, and shall comply with any registration requirement in the new State of residence. The procedures of the State the person is leaving shall ensure that notice is provided promptly to an

agency responsible for registration in the new State, if that State requires registration.

**(6) Length of registration**

A person required to register under subsection (a)(1) of this section shall continue to comply with this section, except during ensuing periods of incarceration, until—

(A) 10 years have elapsed since the person was released from prison or placed on parole, supervised release, or probation; or

(B) for the life of that person if that person—

(i) has 1 or more prior convictions for an offense described in subsection (a)(1)(A) of this section; or

(ii) has been convicted of an aggravated offense described in subsection (a)(1)(A) of this section; or

(iii) has been determined to be a sexually violent predator pursuant to subsection (a)(2) of this section.

**(7) Registration of out-of-State offenders, Federal offenders, persons sentenced by courts martial, and offenders crossing State borders**

As provided in guidelines issued by the Attorney General, each State shall include in its registration program residents who were convicted in another State and shall ensure that procedures are in place to accept registration information from—

(A) residents who were convicted in another State, convicted of a Federal offense, or sentenced by a court martial; and

(B) nonresident offenders who have crossed into another State in order to work or attend school.

**(c) Registration of offender crossing State border**

Any person who is required under this section to register in the State in which such person resides shall also register in any State in which the person is employed, carries on a vocation, or is a student.

**(d) Penalty**

A person required to register under a State program established pursuant to this section who knowingly fails to so register and keep such registration current shall be subject to criminal penalties in any State in which the person has so failed.

**(e) Release of information**

(1) The information collected under a State registration program may be disclosed for any purpose permitted under the laws of the State.

(2) The State or any agency authorized by the State shall release relevant information that is necessary to protect the public concerning a specific person required to register under this section, except that the identity of a victim of an offense that requires registration under this section shall not be released. The release of information under this paragraph shall include the maintenance of an Internet site containing such information that is available to the public and instructions on the process for correcting information that a person alleges to be erroneous.

**(f) Immunity for good faith conduct**

Law enforcement agencies, employees of law enforcement agencies and independent contractors acting at the direction of such agencies, and State officials shall be immune from liability for good faith conduct under this section.

**(g) Compliance**

**(1) Compliance date**

Each State shall have not more than 3 years from September 13, 1994, in which to implement this section, except that the Attorney General may grant an additional 2 years to a State that is making good faith efforts to implement this section.

**(2) Ineligibility for funds**

(A) A State that fails to implement the program as described in this section shall not receive 10 percent of the funds that would otherwise be allocated to the State under section 3756<sup>1</sup> of this title.

(B) REALLOCATION OF FUNDS.—Any funds that are not allocated for failure to comply with this section shall be reallocated to States that comply with this section.

**(h) Fingerprints**

Each requirement to register under this section shall be deemed to also require the submission of a set of fingerprints of the person required to register, obtained in accordance with regulations prescribed by the Attorney General under section 14072(h) of this title.

**(i) Grants to States for costs of compliance**

**(1) Program authorized**

**(A) In general**

The Director of the Bureau of Justice Assistance (in this subsection referred to as the “Director”) shall carry out a program, which shall be known as the “Sex Offender Management Assistance Program” (in this subsection referred to as the “SOMA program”), under which the Director shall award a grant to each eligible State to offset costs directly associated with complying with this section.

**(B) Uses of funds**

Each grant awarded under this subsection shall be—

(i) distributed directly to the State for distribution to State and local entities; and

(ii) used for training, salaries, equipment, materials, and other costs directly associated with complying with this section.

**(2) Eligibility**

**(A) Application**

To be eligible to receive a grant under this subsection, the chief executive of a State shall, on an annual basis, submit to the Director an application (in such form and containing such information as the Director may reasonably require) assuring that—

(i) the State complies with (or made a good faith effort to comply with) this section; and

<sup>1</sup> See References in Text note below.

(ii) where applicable, the State has penalties comparable to or greater than Federal penalties for crimes listed in this section, except that the Director may waive the requirement of this clause if a State demonstrates an overriding need for assistance under this subsection.

**(B) Regulations**

**(i) In general**

Not later than 90 days after October 30, 1998, the Director shall promulgate regulations to implement this subsection (including the information that must be included and the requirements that the States must meet) in submitting the applications required under this subsection. In allocating funds under this subsection, the Director may consider the annual number of sex offenders registered in each eligible State's monitoring and notification programs.

**(ii) Certain training programs**

Prior to implementing this subsection, the Director shall study the feasibility of incorporating into the SOMA program the activities of any technical assistance or training program established as a result of section 13941 of this title. In a case in which incorporating such activities into the SOMA program will eliminate duplication of efforts or administrative costs, the Director shall take administrative actions, as allowable, and make recommendations to Congress to incorporate such activities into the SOMA program prior to implementing the SOMA program.

**(3) Authorization of appropriations**

There is authorized to be appropriated for each of the fiscal years 2004 through 2007 such sums as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of section 3796dd(d)(10) of this title, as added by the PROTECT Act.<sup>1</sup>

**(j) Notice of enrollment at or employment by institutions of higher education**

**(1) Notice by offenders**

**(A) In general**

In addition to any other requirements of this section, any person who is required to register in a State shall provide notice as required under State law—

(i) of each institution of higher education in that State at which the person is employed, carries on a vocation, or is a student; and

(ii) of each change in enrollment or employment status of such person at an institution of higher education in that State.

**(B) Change in status**

A change in status under subparagraph (A)(ii) shall be reported by the person in the manner provided by State law. State procedures shall ensure that the updated information is promptly made available to a law enforcement agency having jurisdiction where such institution is located and entered into the appropriate State records or data system.

**(2) State reporting**

State procedures shall ensure that the registration information collected under paragraph (1)—

(A) is promptly made available to a law enforcement agency having jurisdiction where such institution is located; and

(B) entered into the appropriate State records or data system.

**(3) Request**

Nothing in this subsection shall require an educational institution to request such information from any State.

(Pub. L. 103-322, title XVII, §170101, Sept. 13, 1994, 108 Stat. 2038; Pub. L. 104-145, §2, May 17, 1996, 110 Stat. 1345; Pub. L. 104-236, §§3-7, Oct. 3, 1996, 110 Stat. 3096, 3097; Pub. L. 105-119, title I, §115(a)(1)-(5), Nov. 26, 1997, 111 Stat. 2461-2463; Pub. L. 105-314, title VI, §607(a), Oct. 30, 1998, 112 Stat. 2985; Pub. L. 106-386, div. B, title VI, §1601(b)(1), Oct. 28, 2000, 114 Stat. 1537; Pub. L. 108-21, title VI, §§604(a), 605(a), 606, Apr. 30, 2003, 117 Stat. 688; Pub. L. 109-162, title XI, §1153(b), Jan. 5, 2006, 119 Stat. 3113.)

REPEAL OF SECTION

*Pub. L. 109-248, title I, §129, July 27, 2006, 120 Stat. 600, provided that, effective before the later of 3 years after July 27, 2006, or 1 year after the date on which the software described in section 16923 of this title is available, this section is repealed.*

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 3756 of this title, referred to in subsec. (g)(2)(A), was repealed and a new section 3756 enacted by Pub. L. 109-162, title XI, §1111(a)(1), (2)(C), Jan. 5, 2006, 119 Stat. 3094, 3100. Provisions relating to allocations to States are contained in section 3755 of this title. See section 3750(b)(2) of this title.

Section 3796dd(d)(10) of this title, as added by the PROTECT Act, referred to in subsec. (i)(3), means section 3796dd(d)(10) of this title, as added by Pub. L. 108-21, which was redesignated section 3796dd(b)(15) by Pub. L. 109-162, title XI, §1163(a)(3)(B), Jan. 5, 2006, 119 Stat. 3119.

AMENDMENTS

2006—Subsec. (a)(1)(B). Pub. L. 109-162 substituted “for the time period specified in” for “unless such requirement is terminated under”.

2003—Pub. L. 108-21, §605(a)(1), substituted “Jacob Wetterling Crimes Against Children and Sexually Violent Offender Registration Program” for “Establishment of Program” in section catchline.

Subsec. (a)(3)(A)(viii), (ix). Pub. L. 108-21, §605(a)(2), added cl. (viii) and redesignated former cl. (viii) as (ix).

Subsec. (e)(2). Pub. L. 108-21, §604(a), inserted at end “The release of information under this paragraph shall include the maintenance of an Internet site containing such information that is available to the public and instructions on the process for correcting information that a person alleges to be erroneous.”

Subsec. (i)(3). Pub. L. 108-21, §606, amended heading and text of par. (3) generally. Prior to amendment, text read as follows: “There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this subsection, \$25,000,000 for each of fiscal years 1999 and 2000.”

2000—Subsec. (j). Pub. L. 106-386 added subsec. (j).

1998—Subsecs. (g), (h). Pub. L. 105-314, §607(a)(1), which directed the amendment of this section by redesignating the second subsection designated as subsection (g) as subsection (h), was executed by redesignating subsec. (g), relating to fingerprints, as (h) to reflect the probable intent of Congress.

Subsec. (i). Pub. L. 105-314, §607(a)(2), added subsec. (i).

1997—Subsec. (a)(1)(A), (B). Pub. L. 105-119, §115(a)(1)(A), struck out “with a designated State law enforcement agency” after “current address”.

Subsec. (a)(2). Pub. L. 105-119, §115(a)(1)(B), added par. (2) and struck out heading and text of former par. (2). Text read as follows: “A determination that a person is a sexually violent predator and a determination that a person is no longer a sexually violent predator shall be made by the sentencing court after receiving a report by a State board composed of experts in the field of the behavior and treatment of sexual offenders, victim rights advocates, and representatives from law enforcement agencies.”

Subsec. (a)(3)(A). Pub. L. 105-119, §115(a)(1)(C)(i), substituted “in a range of offenses specified by State law which is comparable to or which exceeds the following range of offenses:” for “that consists of—” in introductory provisions.

Subsec. (a)(3)(B). Pub. L. 105-119, §115(a)(1)(C)(ii), substituted “in a range of offenses specified by State law which is comparable to or which exceeds the range of offenses encompassed by” for “that consists of”.

Subsec. (a)(3)(F), (G). Pub. L. 105-119, §115(a)(1)(D), added subpars. (F) and (G).

Subsec. (b)(1). Pub. L. 105-119, §115(a)(2)(A)(i), substituted “Duties of responsible officials” for “Duty of State prison official or court” in heading.

Subsec. (b)(1)(A). Pub. L. 105-119, §115(a)(2)(A)(ii)(I), substituted “the court, or another responsible officer or official” for “or in the case of probation, the court” in introductory provisions.

Subsec. (b)(1)(A)(ii). Pub. L. 105-119, §115(a)(2)(A)(ii)(II), substituted “report the change of address as provided by State law” for “give the new address to a designated State law enforcement agency in writing within 10 days”.

Subsec. (b)(1)(A)(iii). Pub. L. 105-119, §115(a)(2)(A)(ii)(III), substituted “shall report the change of address as provided by State law and comply with any registration requirement in the new State of residence, and inform the person that the person must also register in a State where the person is employed, carries on a vocation, or is a student” for “shall register the new address with the law enforcement agency with whom the person last registered, and the person is also required to register with a designated law enforcement agency in the new State not later than 10 days after establishing residence in the new State, if the new State has a registration requirement”.

Subsec. (b)(1)(B). Pub. L. 105-119, §115(a)(2)(A)(iii), substituted “, the court, or another responsible officer or official” for “or the court”.

Subsec. (b)(2). Pub. L. 105-119, §115(a)(2)(B), added par. (2) and struck out heading and text of former par. (2). Text read as follows: “The officer, or in the case of a person placed on probation, the court, shall, within 3 days after receipt of information described in paragraph (1), forward it to a designated State law enforcement agency. The State law enforcement agency shall immediately enter the information into the appropriate State law enforcement record system and notify the appropriate law enforcement agency having jurisdiction where the person expects to reside. The State law enforcement agency shall also immediately transmit all information described in paragraph (1) to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for inclusion in the FBI database described in section 14072 of this title.”

Subsec. (b)(3)(A). Pub. L. 105-119, §115(a)(2)(C)(i), in introductory provisions, substituted “State procedures shall provide for verification of address at least annually.” for “on each anniversary of the person’s initial registration date during the period in which the person is required to register under this section the following applies:”.

Subsec. (b)(3)(A)(i) to (iv). Pub. L. 105-119, §115(a)(2)(C)(ii), which directed the amendment of par. (3)(A) by striking out cls. (i) through (v), was executed by striking out cls. (i) through (iv) to reflect the prob-

able intent of Congress because no cl. (v) had been enacted. Prior to amendment, cls. (i) through (iv) read as follows:

“(i) The designated State law enforcement agency shall mail a nonforwardable verification form to the last reported address of the person.

“(ii) The person shall mail the verification form to the designated State law enforcement agency within 10 days after receipt of the form.

“(iii) The verification form shall be signed by the person, and state that the person still resides at the address last reported to the designated State law enforcement agency. The person shall include with the verification form, fingerprints and a photograph of that person.

“(iv) If the person fails to mail the verification form to the designated State law enforcement agency within 10 days after receipt of the form, the person shall be in violation of this section unless the person proves that the person has not changed the residence address.”

Subsec. (b)(4). Pub. L. 105-119, §115(a)(2)(D), substituted “section shall be reported by the person in the manner provided by State law. State procedures shall ensure that the updated address information is promptly made available to a law enforcement agency having jurisdiction where the person will reside and entered into the appropriate State records or data system” for “section reported to the designated State law enforcement agency shall be immediately reported to the appropriate law enforcement agency having jurisdiction where the person is residing. The designated law enforcement agency shall, if the person changes residence to another State, notify the law enforcement agency with which the person must register in the new State, if the new State has a registration requirement”.

Subsec. (b)(5). Pub. L. 105-119, §115(a)(2)(E), substituted “and who moves to another State, shall report the change of address to the responsible agency in the State the person is leaving, and shall comply with any registration requirement in the new State of residence. The procedures of the State the person is leaving shall ensure that notice is provided promptly to an agency responsible for registration in the new State, if that State requires registration” for “shall register the new address with a designated law enforcement agency in another State to which the person moves not later than 10 days after such person establishes residence in the new State, if the new State has a registration requirement”.

Subsec. (b)(7). Pub. L. 105-119, §115(a)(2)(F), added par. (7).

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 105-119, §115(a)(3), added subsec. (c). Former subsec. (c) redesignated (d).

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 105-119, §115(a)(3), redesignated subsec. (c) as (d). Former subsec. (d) redesignated (e).

Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 105-119, §115(a)(3), (4), redesignated subsec. (d) as (e) and in par. (2) substituted “The State or any agency authorized by the State” for “The designated State law enforcement agency and any local law enforcement agency authorized by the State agency”. Former subsec. (e) redesignated (f).

Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 105-119, §115(a)(3), (5), redesignated subsec. (e) as (f) and substituted “and independent contractors acting at the direction of such agencies, and State officials” for “, and State officials”. Former subsec. (f) redesignated (g).

Subsec. (g). Pub. L. 105-119, §115(a)(3), redesignated subsec. (f), relating to compliance, as (g).

1996—Subsec. (a)(2). Pub. L. 104-236, §4, inserted before period at end “, victim rights advocates, and representatives from law enforcement agencies”.

Subsec. (b)(2). Pub. L. 104-236, §7, amended heading and text of par. (2) generally. Prior to amendment, text read as follows: “The officer, or in the case of a person placed on probation, the court, shall, within 3 days after receipt of information described in paragraph (1), forward it to a designated State law enforcement agency. The State law enforcement agency shall immediately enter the information into the appropriate State law enforcement record system and notify the ap-

propriate law enforcement agency having jurisdiction where the person expects to reside. The State law enforcement agency shall also immediately transmit the conviction data and fingerprints to the Federal Bureau of Investigation.”

Subsec. (b)(3)(A)(iii). Pub. L. 104-236, § 6, inserted at end “The person shall include with the verification form, fingerprints and a photograph of that person.”

Subsec. (b)(6). Pub. L. 104-236, § 3, amended heading and text of par. (6) generally. Prior to amendment, text read as follows:

“(A) A person required to register under subparagraph (A) of subsection (a)(1) of this section shall continue to comply with this section until 10 years have elapsed since the person was released from prison, placed on parole, supervised release, or probation.

“(B) The requirement of a person to register under subparagraph (B) of subsection (a)(1) of this section shall terminate upon a determination, made in accordance with paragraph (2) of subsection (a) of this section, that the person no longer suffers from a mental abnormality or personality disorder that would make the person likely to engage in a predatory sexually violent offense.”

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 104-145 amended heading and text of subsec. (d) generally. Prior to amendment, text read as follows: “The information collected under a State registration program shall be treated as private data except that—

“(1) such information may be disclosed to law enforcement agencies for law enforcement purposes;

“(2) such information may be disclosed to government agencies conducting confidential background checks; and

“(3) the designated State law enforcement agency and any local law enforcement agency authorized by the State agency may release relevant information that is necessary to protect the public concerning a specific person required to register under this section, except that the identity of a victim of an offense that requires registration under this section shall not be released.”

Subsec. (g). Pub. L. 104-236, § 5, added subsec. (g).

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF REPEAL

Pub. L. 109-248, title I, § 129(b), July 27, 2006, 120 Stat. 601, provided that: “Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act [see Tables for classification], this section [repealing this section and sections 14072 and 14073 of this title] shall take effect on the date of the deadline determined in accordance with section 124(a) [42 U.S.C. 16924(a)].”

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2003 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 108-21, title VI, § 604(b), Apr. 30, 2003, 117 Stat. 688, provided that: “Each State shall implement the amendment made by this section [amending this section] within 3 years after the date of enactment of this Act [Apr. 30, 2003], except that the Attorney General may grant an additional 2 years to a State that is making a good faith effort to implement the amendment made by this section.”

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2000 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 106-386, div. B, title VI, § 1601(b)(2), Oct. 28, 2000, 114 Stat. 1537, provided that: “The amendment made by this subsection [amending this section] shall take effect 2 years after the date of the enactment of this Act [Oct. 28, 2000].”

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1997 AMENDMENT

Section 115(c) of Pub. L. 105-119 provided that: “This section [amending this section, section 14072 of this title, and sections 3521, 3563, 3583, 4042, and 4209 of Title 18, Crimes and Criminal Procedure, enacting provisions set out as notes under section 14039 of this title and section 951 of Title 10, Armed Forces, and amending provisions set out as a note under this section] shall take effect on the date of the enactment of this Act [Nov. 26, 1997], except that—

“(1) subparagraphs (A), (B), and (C) of subsection (a)(8) [amending sections 3563, 3583, 4042, and 4209 of Title 18, Crimes and Criminal Procedure, and enacting provisions set out as a note under section 951 of Title 10, Armed Forces] shall take effect 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act; and

“(2) States shall have 3 years from such date of enactment to implement amendments made by this Act [probably should be “this section”] which impose new requirements under the Jacob Wetterling Crimes Against Children and Sexually Violent Offender Registration Act [42 U.S.C. 14071 et seq.], and the Attorney General may grant an additional 2 years to a State that is making good faith efforts to implement these amendments.”

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1996 AMENDMENT

Section 10 of Pub. L. 104-236, as amended by Pub. L. 105-119, title I, § 115(a)(7), Nov. 26, 1997, 111 Stat. 2464, provided that:

“(a) IN GENERAL.—This Act [enacting sections 14072 and 14073 of this title, amending this section, and enacting provisions set out as notes under this section and section 13701 of this title] and the amendments made by this Act shall become effective 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act [Oct. 3, 1996].

“(b) COMPLIANCE BY STATES.—Each State shall implement the amendments made by sections 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 of this Act [amending this section] not later than 3 years after the date of enactment of this Act, except that the Attorney General may grant an additional 2 years to a State that is making good faith efforts to implement such amendments.

“(c) INELIGIBILITY FOR FUNDS.—

“(1) A State that fails to implement the program as described in sections 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 of this Act [amending this section] shall not receive 10 percent of the funds that would otherwise be allocated to the State under section 506 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 ([former] 42 U.S.C. 3756).

“(2) Any funds that are not allocated for failure to comply with section 3, 4, 5, 6, or 7 of this Act shall be reallocated to States that comply with these sections.

“(d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—States shall be allowed the time specified in subsection (b) to establish minimally sufficient sexual offender registration programs for purposes of the amendments made by section 2 [enacting section 14072 of this title]. Subsections (c) and (k) of section 170102 of the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994 [42 U.S.C. 14072(c), (k)], and any requirement to issue related regulations, shall take effect at the conclusion of the time provided under this subsection for the establishment of minimally sufficient sexual offender registration programs.”

#### SHORT TITLE

Subtitle A of title XVII of Pub. L. 103-322, which is classified generally to this subchapter, is popularly known as the Jacob Wetterling Crimes Against Children and Sexually Violent Offender Registration Act.

#### REGULATIONS

Section 9 of Pub. L. 104-236 provided that: “Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act [Oct. 3, 1996], the Attorney General shall issue regulations to carry out this Act [see Effective Date of 1996 Amendment note above] and the amendments made by this Act.”

#### SEVERABILITY

Section 11 of Pub. L. 104-236 provided that: “If any provision of this Act [see Effective Date of 1996 Amendment note above], an amendment made by this Act, or the application of such provision or amendment to any person or circumstance is held to be unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act, the amendments made by this Act, and the application of the provisions of such

to any person or circumstance shall not be affected thereby.”

#### TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

Effective Aug. 1, 2000, all functions of Director of Bureau of Justice Assistance, other than those enumerated in section 3742(3) to (6) of this title, transferred to Assistant Attorney General for Office of Justice Programs, see section 1000(a)(1) [title I, §108(b)] of Pub. L. 106-113, set out as a note under section 3741 of this title.

#### SIMPLIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE DEADLINES UNDER SEX-OFFENDER REGISTRATION LAWS

Pub. L. 109-162, title XI, §1153(a), Jan. 5, 2006, 119 Stat. 3113, provided that: “A State shall not be treated, for purposes of any provision of law, as having failed to comply with section 170101 (42 U.S.C. 14071) or 170102 (42 U.S.C. 14072) of the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994 until 36 months after the date of the enactment of this Act [Jan. 5, 2006], except that the Attorney General may grant an additional 24 months to a State that is making good faith efforts to comply with such sections.”

#### NATIONAL INTERNET SITE

Pub. L. 108-21, title VI, §604(c), Apr. 30, 2003, 117 Stat. 688, provided that: “The Crimes Against Children Section of the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice shall create a national Internet site that links all State Internet sites established pursuant to this section [amending this section and enacting provisions set out as a note under this section].”

#### STUDY OF SEX OFFENDER MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Pub. L. 105-314, title VI, §607(b), Oct. 30, 1998, 112 Stat. 2986, provided that: “Not later than March 1, 2000, the Director shall conduct a study to assess the efficacy of the Sex Offender Management Assistance Program under section 170101(i) of the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994 (42 U.S.C. 14071(i)), as added by this section, and submit recommendations to Congress.”

#### STUDY OF HOTLINES

Pub. L. 105-314, title IX, §902, Oct. 30, 1998, 112 Stat. 2991, provided that:

“(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act [Oct. 30, 1998], the Attorney General shall conduct a study in accordance with subsection (b) and submit to Congress a report on the results of that study.

“(b) CONTENTS OF STUDY.—The study under this section shall include an examination of—

“(1) existing State programs for informing the public about the presence of sexual predators released from prison, as required in section 170101 of the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994 (42 U.S.C. 14071), including the use of CD-ROMs, Internet databases, and Sexual Offender Identification Hotlines, such as those used in the State of California; and

“(2) the feasibility of establishing a national hotline for parents to access a Federal Bureau of Investigation database that tracks the location of convicted sexual predators established under section 170102 of the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994 (42 U.S.C. 14072) and, in determining that feasibility, the Attorney General shall examine issues including the cost, necessary changes to Federal and State laws necessitated by the creation of such a hotline, consistency with Federal and State case law pertaining to community notification, and the need for, and accuracy and reliability of, the information available through such a hotline.”

### § 14072. FBI database

#### (a) Definitions

For purposes of this section—

(1) the term “FBI” means the Federal Bureau of Investigation;

(2) the terms “criminal offense against a victim who is a minor”, “sexually violent offense”, “sexually violent predator”, “mental abnormality”, “predatory”, “employed, carries on a vocation”, and “student” have the same meanings as in section 14071(a)(3) of this title; and

(3) the term “minimally sufficient sexual offender registration program” means any State sexual offender registration program that—

(A) requires the registration of each offender who is convicted of an offense in a range of offenses specified by State law which is comparable to or exceeds that described in subparagraph (A) or (B) of section 14071(a)(1) of this title;

(B) participates in the national database established under subsection (b) of this section in conformity with guidelines issued by the Attorney General;

(C) provides for verification of address at least annually;<sup>1</sup>

(D) requires that each person who is required to register under subparagraph (A) shall do so for a period of not less than 10 years beginning on the date that such person was released from prison or placed on parole, supervised release, or probation.

#### (b) Establishment

The Attorney General shall establish a national database at the Federal Bureau of Investigation to track the whereabouts and movement of—

(1) each person who has been convicted of a criminal offense against a victim who is a minor;

(2) each person who has been convicted of a sexually violent offense; and

(3) each person who is a sexually violent predator.

#### (c) Registration requirement

Each person described in subsection (b) of this section who resides in a State that has not established a minimally sufficient sexual offender registration program shall register a current address, fingerprints of that person, and a current photograph of that person with the FBI for inclusion in the database established under subsection (b) of this section for the time period specified under subsection (d) of this section.

#### (d) Length of registration

A person described in subsection (b) of this section who is required to register under subsection (c) of this section shall, except during ensuing periods of incarceration, continue to comply with this section—

(1) until 10 years after the date on which the person was released from prison or placed on parole, supervised release, or probation; or

(2) for the life of the person, if that person—

(A) has 2 or more convictions for an offense described in subsection (b) of this section;

(B) has been convicted of aggravated sexual abuse, as defined in section 2241 of title

<sup>1</sup> So in original. Probably should be followed by “and”.