



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 5503

January Session, 2007

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AN ACT CONCERNING RESIDENCY RESTRICTIONS FOR REGISTERED SEXUAL OFFENDERS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 54-259a of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 (a) There is established a Risk Assessment Board consisting of the
4 Commissioner of Correction, the Commissioner of Mental Health and
5 Addiction Services, the Commissioner of Public Safety, the Chief
6 State's Attorney, the Chief Public Defender, the chairperson of the
7 Board of Pardons and Paroles, the executive director of the Court
8 Support Services Division of the Judicial Department and the
9 chairpersons and ranking members of the joint standing committees of
10 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the
11 judiciary and public safety, or their designees, a victim advocate with
12 experience working with sexual assault victims and sexual offenders
13 appointed by the Governor, a forensic psychiatrist with experience in
14 the treatment of sexual offenders appointed by the Governor and a
15 person trained in the identification, assessment and treatment of sexual
16 offenders appointed by the Governor.

17 (b) The board shall develop a risk assessment scale that assigns
18 weights to various risk factors including, but not limited to, the
19 seriousness of the offense, the offender's prior offense history, the

20 offender's characteristics, the availability of community supports,
21 whether the offender has indicated or credible evidence in the record
22 indicates that the offender will reoffend if released into the community
23 and whether the offender demonstrates a physical condition that
24 minimizes the risk of reoffending, and specifies the risk level to which
25 offenders with various risk assessment scores shall be assigned.

26 (c) The board shall use the risk assessment scale to assess the risk of
27 reoffending of each person subject to registration under this chapter,
28 including incarcerated offenders who are within one year of their
29 estimated release date, and assign each such person a risk level of high,
30 medium or low.

31 (d) The board shall use the risk assessment scale to determine which
32 offenders should be prohibited from residing within one thousand feet
33 of the real property comprising a public or private elementary or
34 secondary school or a facility providing child day care services, as
35 defined in section 19a-77.

36 ~~[(d)]~~ (e) Not later than [February] October 1, 2007, the board shall
37 submit a report to the joint standing committee of the General
38 Assembly on the judiciary in accordance with section 11-4a setting
39 forth its findings and recommendations concerning: (1) Whether
40 information about sexual offenders assigned a risk level of high,
41 medium or low should be made available to the public through the
42 Internet; (2) the types of information about sexual offenders that
43 should be made available to the public through the Internet which may
44 include, but not be limited to, (A) the name, residential address,
45 physical description and photograph of the registrant, (B) the offense
46 or offenses of which the registrant was convicted or found not guilty
47 by reason of mental disease or defect that required registration under
48 this chapter, (C) a brief description of the facts and circumstances of
49 such offense or offenses, (D) the criminal record of the registrant with
50 respect to any prior convictions or findings of not guilty by reason of
51 mental disease or defect for the commission of an offense requiring
52 registration under this chapter, and (E) the name of the registrant's

53 supervising correctional, probation or parole officer, and contact
54 information for such officer; (3) whether any of the persons assigned a
55 high risk level by the board pursuant to subsection (c) of this section
56 meets the criteria for civil commitment pursuant to section 17a-498; (4)
57 whether additional restrictions should be placed on persons subject to
58 registration under this chapter such as curfews and intensive
59 monitoring on certain holidays; and (5) whether persons convicted of a
60 sexual offense who pose a high risk of reoffending should be required
61 to register under this chapter regardless of when they were convicted
62 or released into the community.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	54-259a
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