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PUBLIC ACT SUMMARY



PA 14-213—SB 432

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AN ACT CONCERNING NOTICE TO THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS OR CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF A MUNICIPALITY UPON RELEASE OR RELOCATION OF A REGISTERED SEXUAL OFFENDER INTO THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OR MUNICIPALITY

SUMMARY: This act requires the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection (DESPP) to notify a municipal chief executive officer (CEO) when someone required to register as a sex offender (1) is released into the community or notifies DESPP of an address change and (2) resides or plans to reside in the CEO's municipality. DESPP must email this notice and provide the CEO with the same registry information about the registrant that DESPP posts publicly on the Internet.

The act also requires DESPP to notify the superintendent of the school district where the registrant resides or plans to reside when a registered sex offender notifies DESPP of an address change. DESPP must provide the same email notice and information described above. By law, DESPP already provides this notice and information to school superintendents when registered sex offenders are released into the community.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2014

BACKGROUND

Sex Offender Notices

When it receives registry information, DESPP must enter it in the sex offender registry and notify the local police department or state police troop in whose jurisdiction the registrant resides or plans to reside. If the registrant informs DESPP of his or her employment or status as a student at a trade, professional, or higher education institution, DESPP must notify the law enforcement agency with jurisdiction over the institution.

A state agency, the Judicial Branch, a state police troop, or a local police department can notify any government agency, private organization, or individual of registration information when it believes notice is necessary to protect the public or an individual from a registrant (CGS §§ 54-257 & 258).

Related Act

PA 14-192 contains similar provisions requiring DESPP to notify a municipal CEO when a sex offender is released and resides or plans to reside in the CEO's community.

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