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A BILL

To amend section 5101.132 and to enact section 1
109.67 of the Revised Code to require the 2
Attorney General to establish and maintain a 3
publicly accessible child abuse registry 4
containing information on offenders who commit 5
certain offenses against minors under 14 years 6
of age and to name the act Jacob's Law. 7

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

Section 1. That section 5101.132 be amended and section 8
109.67 of the Revised Code be enacted to read as follows: 9

Sec. 109.67. (A) As used in this section: 10

(1) "Child abuse offense" means any violation of section 11
2903.01, 2903.02, 2903.03, 2903.04, 2903.041, 2903.05, 2903.11, 12
2903.12, 2903.13, 2903.14, 2903.15, 2905.32, 2919.21, 2919.22, 13
or 2919.25 of the Revised Code, or any sexually oriented 14
offense, that was committed when the offender was eighteen years 15
of age or older and that involved a victim who was under 16
fourteen years of age at the time of the offense. 17

(2) "Sexually oriented offense" has the same meaning as in 18
section 2950.01 of the Revised Code. 19

(B) Subject to division (E) of this section, the attorney 20
general, through the bureau of criminal identification and 21
investigation, shall establish and maintain a child abuse 22
registry. The child abuse registry shall contain a record of all 23
of the following information regarding every person who, on or 24
after the effective date of this section, is convicted of or 25
pleads guilty to a child abuse offense: 26

(1) The offender's full name and any alias used; 27

(2) The name of the offense or offenses for which the 28
offender is included in the registry; 29

(3) The offender's last known residential address; 30

(4) The name and address of any place where the offender 31
is employed; 32

(5) The name and address of any school or institution of 33
higher education that the offender is attending; 34

(6) A photograph of the offender, if available; 35

(7) Any other identifying information prescribed by the 36
attorney general. 37

(C) (1) Once a child abuse registry is established, the 38
bureau of criminal identification and investigation shall post 39
the child abuse registry on the attorney general's web site. The 40
child abuse registry shall be publicly accessible and searchable 41
through the internet. 42

(2) The bureau shall update information in the posted 43
child abuse registry at least once every thirty days. 44

(D) In establishing and maintaining the child abuse 45
registry, the bureau may rely on any information from the 46
uniform statewide automated child welfare information system 47
that is provided by the department of job and family services 48
for inclusion in the registry. 49

(E) The attorney general is required to establish and 50
maintain the child abuse registry only if the general assembly 51
appropriates funds or the attorney general determines that 52
sufficient funds are available for that purpose. 53

Sec. 5101.132. (A) Information contained in the 54
information system established and maintained under section 55
5101.13 of the Revised Code may be accessed or entered only as 56
follows: 57

(1) The department of job and family services, a public 58
children services agency, a title IV-E agency, a prosecuting 59
attorney, a private child placing agency, and a private 60
noncustodial agency may access or enter the information when 61
either of the following is the case: 62

(a) The access or entry is directly connected with 63
assessment, investigation, or services regarding a child or 64
family; 65

(b) The access or entry is permitted by state or federal 66
law, rule, or regulation. 67

(2) A person may access or enter the information in a 68
manner, to the extent, and for the purposes authorized by rules 69
adopted by the department. 70

(3) The department of job and family services may provide 71
information from its system to the attorney general for 72
inclusion in the child abuse registry maintained under section 73

109.67 of the Revised Code. 74

(B) As used in this section, "title IV-E agency" means a 75
public children services agency or a public entity with which 76
the department of job and family services has a title IV-E 77
subgrant agreement in effect. 78

Section 2. That existing section 5101.132 of the Revised 79
Code is hereby repealed. 80

Section 3. This act shall be known as Jacob's Law. 81