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Proposed law creates the Child Abuse and Neglect Registry.

Proposed law provides for the following:

- (1) Requires persons convicted of enumerated offenses, where the victim is a child, to register with local law enforcement agencies, where they work, attend school, reside, and in the parish of conviction, and to provide them with information regarding their identities, residence, conviction, and other personal information.
- (2) Provides procedures for offenders to provide information to local law enforcement agencies regarding a change of address, residence, employment, or schooling.
- (3) Provides that every offender must register within three business days of a change of status in employment, education, residence, or address.
- (4) Requires in-person verification by the offender at each registration period.
- (5) Provides that the crime of failing to register includes the failure to register, periodically renew and update registration, provide proof of residence, notification of change of address, or other registration information. Provides that knowingly providing false information to law enforcement also constitutes a failure to register.
- (6) Provides that the La. Bureau of Criminal Identification and Information must develop and maintain the registry known as the Child Abuse and Neglect Registry. Provides that upon receipt of registration information, the bureau must immediately enter the appropriate information in the registry.
- (7) Provides for an exception to the registration requirements of proposed law if the offender is also required to register as a sex offender.
- (8) Provides that certain information is exempt from public view: social security numbers, names of victims, arrests that did not result in conviction, telephone numbers, travel and immigration documents, email address, and online screen names.
- (9) Provides that the website must contain a disclaimer regarding potential inaccuracies, and prohibits using the information for harassment, stalking, or threats to the offender.

- (10) Provides for email notification to local law enforcement agencies upon registration of offender.
- (11) Provides for social networking sites to have information to compare registered users with email addresses, instant message addresses, or other similar online identifiers with persons on the registry.
- (12) Requires offenders to maintain their registration for a period of 10 years for the first offense, and for life for any second or subsequent offense.

Effective August 1, 2023

(Adds R.S. 15:563-563.2)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Judiciary B to the original bill

1. Makes technical changes.
2. Adds exception to proposed law registration requirement when the offender is already required to register as a sex offender.