

(KEYWORD, SUMMARY, AND DIGEST as amended by Senate committee amendments)

SEX OFFENSE/REGISTRY. Authorizes the use of truth verification examinations for certain sex offenders

DIGEST

Present law provides for certain conditions of probation and parole imposed upon certain sex offenders.

Proposed law authorizes the court or the Board of Parole to require as a condition of probation or parole the use of truth verification examinations for sex offenders convicted or adjudicated of a sex offense when the victim was a minor, and the department has the equipment and appropriately trained personnel to administer such test.

Proposed law provides that the truth verification examination shall be subsequent to an allegation, or at the discretion of the probation or parole officer who has reason to believe, that the sexual offender has violated a condition of probation or parole.

Proposed law provides that the truth verification examination shall be conducted by a trained and certified polygraphist or voice stress examiner.

Proposed law provides that the results of the truth verification examination shall not be used as evidence in court or by the Board of Parole to prove that a violation of a condition of probation or parole has occurred.

Proposed law authorizes the offender to request a second truth verification examination to be conducted by a trained and certified examiner of the offender's choice and at the offender's cost.

Proposed law provides definitions for the following: "polygraph examination", "truth verification examinations", and "voice stress analysis".

(Amends C.Cr.P. Art. 895(I), (J), (K), (L), and (M); Adds R.S. 15:538(E) and 574.4.3(F) and C.Cr.P. Art. 895(N))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice to the original bill.

- 1. Added provision which authorizes the offender to request a second truth verification examination at his expense.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

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

- 1. Restricts the application of proposed law to when the department has the equipment and appropriately trained personnel.