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FACT SHEET FOR S.B. 1209

sheriff; sex offender monitoring; fee

Purpose

Allows county sheriffs to collect fees from certain sex offenders.

Background

Upon conviction, a person who is required to register as a sex offender has 10 days to register with the sheriff of the county in which the person resides. Sex offenders are required to provide an electronic fingerprint, all names by which they are known, any online identifiers such as an email address or screen name, a current photograph, a blood sample and their mailing address. Before a sex offender is released from incarceration, the Arizona Department of Corrections (ADC), in conjunction with the Arizona Department of Public Safety (DPS) and the appropriate county sheriff, must update the registration. After releasing a sex offender from incarceration, ADC has three days to forward the offender's completed registration information to DPS, as well as to the sheriff of the county in which the offender resides or intends to reside.

Once a sex offender has been registered and released, the surrounding community is notified. There are three levels of notification based on the risk that a particular sex offender poses to the surrounding community, with a level three being the most dangerous or likely to reoffend. Local law enforcement agencies are required to evaluate registered sex offenders who have been released on probation, and categorize each offender into a particular notification level. For a level three sex offender, notification is made to the surrounding neighborhoods, schools and appropriate community groups as well as any prospective employers. A flyer is produced that includes a photo of the offender, an exact address and a summary of the offender's status and criminal background. Additionally, a press release is given to the local media services. For a level two offender, notification is made to the immediate neighbors, schools, appropriate community groups and prospective employers. Notification may also include a flyer with a photo of the offender, the address of the general area where the offender will be living and a brief summary including the offender's status and criminal background.

There is no anticipated fiscal impact to the state General Fund associated with this legislation; fee monies must be used to offset costs related to sex offender registration.

Provisions

1. Allows the sheriff to collect a fee from a sex offender who is not on probation, parole or community supervision.

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2. Specifies the following fees be collected to offset the cost of registering, tracking and verifying the information of a sex offender:
 - a) \$50 dollars for a level three offender; and
 - b) \$30 dollars for a level two offender.

3. Becomes effective on the general effective date.

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