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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2026

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RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- SEXUAL OFFENDER REGISTRATION AND  
COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION

Introduced By: Representatives Fascia, Noret, Read, Solomon, J. Brien, Chippendale,  
Hopkins, Nardone, Roberts, and Place

Date Introduced: February 27, 2026

Referred To: House Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 11-37.1-10 of the General Laws in Chapter 11-37.1 entitled "Sexual  
2 Offender Registration and Community Notification" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **11-37.1-10. Penalties.**

4 (a) Any person who is required to register or verify ~~his or her~~ the person's address or give  
5 notice of a change of address or residence who knowingly fails to do so shall be guilty of a felony  
6 and, upon conviction, be imprisoned not more than ten (10) years, or fined not more than ten  
7 thousand dollars (\$10,000), or both.

8 (b) Any person who is required to register or verify ~~his or her~~ the person's address or give  
9 notice of a change of address or residence who knowingly fails to do so shall be in violation of the  
10 terms of ~~his or her~~ the person's release, regardless of whether or not the term was a special condition  
11 of ~~his or her~~ the person's release on probation, parole, home confinement or other form of  
12 supervised release.

13 (c) ~~Except in the case of a level three (3) sex offender, any~~ Any person who is required to  
14 register or verify ~~his or her~~ the person's address, who knowingly resides within three hundred feet  
15 (300') of any school as defined in § 11-37.1-2, which distance shall be measured ~~from the nearest~~  
16 ~~boundary line of the real property supporting the residence of the person to the nearest boundary~~  
17 ~~line of the real property that supports or upon which there exists a school~~ in a straight line, without  
18 regard for intervening structures or objects, from the nearest portion of the property on which the

1 person subject to this section resides, to the nearest property line of the premises of any school shall  
2 be guilty of a felony and, upon conviction, may be imprisoned not more than five (5) years, or fined  
3 not more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000), or both.

4 ~~(d) Any level three (3) sex offender who knowingly resides within one thousand feet~~  
5 ~~(1,000') of any school as defined in § 11-37.1-2, which distance shall be measured from the nearest~~  
6 ~~boundary line of the real property supporting the residence of the person to the nearest boundary~~  
7 ~~line of the real property that supports or upon which there exists a school shall be guilty of a felony~~  
8 ~~and, upon conviction, may be imprisoned for not more than five (5) years, or fined not more than~~  
9 ~~five thousand dollars (\$5,000), or both.~~

10 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION  
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- 1           This act would make it a felony for any person required to register as a sex offender to live
- 2           within three hundred feet (300') of a school as defined in § 11-37.1-2.
- 3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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