

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2017

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

Introduced By: Senators McCaffrey, Lombardi, Archambault, Conley, and Nesselbush

Date Introduced: March 15, 2017

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 11-37.1-11 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 **11-37.1-11. Release of information.**

4 (a) Except as otherwise provided by this chapter or as provided in subsections (b) or (c)  
5 of this section, no information obtained under this chapter shall be released or transferred without  
6 the written consent of the person or his or her authorized representative.

7 (b) No consent for release or transfer of information obtained under this chapter shall be  
8 required in the following instances:

9 (1) Information may be disclosed to law enforcement agencies for law enforcement  
10 purposes;

11 (2) Information may be disclosed to government agencies conducting confidential  
12 background checks;

13 (3) The designated law enforcement agency and any local law enforcement agency  
14 authorized by the state agency may release relevant information that is necessary to protect  
15 individuals concerning a specific person required to register under this chapter, except that the  
16 identity of a victim of an offense that requires registration under this section shall not be released;

17 (4) Information may be released or disseminated in accordance with the provisions of §  
18 11-37.1-12; ~~and~~

1 (5) Information shall be disclosed by the local police department to the general public in  
2 a city or town for those registered offenders determined to be either a level 2 or level 3 offender  
3 as determined consistent with parole board guidelines~~;~~ and

4 (6) Information shall be disclosed by the local police department to the local school  
5 department for those registered offenders determined to be level 3 offenders by the parole board  
6 for the purposes of notifying parents of students whose bus stop is within one thousand feet  
7 (1,000') of a level 3 sex offender's residence.

8 (c) Any local law enforcement agency shall release relevant information collected  
9 pursuant to § 11-37.1-3(c) to any campus police agency appointed pursuant to § 16-15-2 or police  
10 for private institutions appointed pursuant to § 12-2.1-1 for any person having a duty to register  
11 who is enrolled in, employed by or carrying on a vocation at an institution of higher education.  
12 That agency may release relevant information that is necessary to protect individuals concerning  
13 a specific person required to register under this chapter, except that the identity of a victim of an  
14 offense that requires registration under this section shall not be released.

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

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1           This act would require local law enforcement to share information with local school  
2 departments for the purposes of notifying parents of students whose bus stop is within one  
3 thousand feet (1000') of the residence of a level 3 sex offender.

4           This act would take effect upon passage.

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