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# STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

### IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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### AN ACT

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

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(Attorney General)

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Sections 11-37.1-2, 11-37.1-3, 11-37.1-4, 11-37.1-5, 11-37.1-6, 11-37.1-7,
- 2 11-37.1-8, 11-37.1-9, 11-37.1-10, 11-37.1-11 and 11-37.1-12 of the General Laws in Chapter 11-
- 3 37.1 entitled "Sexual Offender Registration and Community Notification" are hereby amended to
- 4 read as follows:

### 5 **11-37.1-2. Definitions.**

- 6 (a) "Aggravated offense" means, and includes, offenses involving sexual penetration of
  victims of any age through the use of force, or the threat of use of force, or offenses involving
- 8 sexual penetration of victims who are fourteen (14) years of age or under.
- 9 (b) "Board", "board of review", or "sex offender board of review" means the sex offender
- board of review appointed by the governor pursuant to § 11-37.1-6.
- 11 (c) (1) "Conviction" or "convicted" means, and includes, any instance where:
- 12 (i) A judgment of conviction has been entered against any person for any offense
- specified in subsection (e) or (k), or a federal offense requiring registration, or a foreign offense
- 14 <u>requiring registration</u>, or a military offense requiring registration, regardless of whether an appeal
- is pending; or
- 16 (ii) There has been a finding of guilty for any offense specified in subsection (e) or (k), or
- 17 <u>a federal offense requiring registration, or a foreign offense requiring registration, or a military</u>
- 18 <u>offense requiring registration</u>, regardless of whether an appeal is pending; or

(iii) There has been a plea of guilty or nolo contendere for any offense specified in 2 subsection (e) or (k), or a federal offense requiring registration, or a foreign offense requiring 3 registration, or a military offense requiring registration, regardless of whether an appeal is 4 pending; or 5 (iv) There has been an admission of sufficient facts or a finding of delinquency for any offense specified in subsection (e) or (k), or a federal offense requiring registration, or a foreign 6 offense requiring registration, or a military offense requiring registration, regardless of whether or 7 8 not an appeal is pending. 9 (2) Provided, in the event that a conviction, as defined in this subsection, has been 10 overturned, reversed, or otherwise vacated, the person who was the subject of the conviction shall 11 no longer be required to register as required by this chapter and any records of a registration shall 12 be destroyed. Provided, further, that nothing in this section shall be construed to eliminate a 13 registration requirement of a person who is again convicted of an offense for which registration is 14 required by this chapter. 15 (d) [Deleted by P.L. 2003, ch. 162, § 1 and by P.L. 2003, ch. 170, § 1]. 16 (e) "Criminal offense against a victim who is a minor" means, and includes, any of the 17 following offenses or any offense in another jurisdiction that is substantially the equivalent of the 18 following or for which the person is or would be required to register under 42 U.S.C. § 14071 or 19 <del>18 U.S.C. § 4042(c)</del> <u>34 U.S.C. § 20911</u>: 20 (1) Kidnapping or false imprisonment of a minor, in violation of §§ 11-26-1.4, 11-26-1 or 21 11-26-2, where the victim of the offense is sixteen (16) years of age or older and under the age of 22 eighteen (18) years; 23 (2) Enticement of a child in violation of § 11-26-1.5 with the intent to violate §§ 11-37-6, 24 11-37-8, 11-37-8.1, 11-37-8.3; 25 (3) Any violation of §§ 11-37-6, 11-37-8, 11-37-8.1, or 11-37-8.3; 26 (4) Any violation of § 11-1-10, where the underlying offense is a violation of chapter 34 27 of this title and the victim, or person solicited to commit the offense, is under the age of eighteen 28 (18) years; 29 (5) Any violation of § 11-9-1(b) or (c); 30 (6) Any violation of § 11-9-1.3; 31 (7) Any violation of § 11-9-1.5; 32 (8) Any violation of § 11-37.1-10; 33 (9) Any violation of § 11-37-8.8; 34 (10) Any violation of § 11-64-2, where the victim is under the age of eighteen (18) years;

I	(11) Murder in violation of § 11-23-1, where the murder was committed in the
2	perpetration of, or attempted perpetration of, kidnapping and where the victim of the offense is
3	under eighteen (18) years of age; or
4	(12) Any violation of §§ 11-67-6, 11-67.1-3(b), 11-67.1-4(b), 11-67.1-5(c), 11-67.1-6(b)
5	or 11-67.1-7(b).
6	(13) Any conviction for an attempt or conspiracy to commit an offense enumerated in this
7	subsection.
8	(f) "Designated state law enforcement agency" means the attorney general, or his or her
9	designee.
10	(g) "Employed, carries on a vocation" means and includes the definition of "employed,
11	carries on a vocation" under 42 U.S.C. § 14071 34 U.S.C. § 20911.
12	(h) "Institutions of higher education" means any university, two- or four-year (2 or 4)
13	college or community college.
14	(i) "Mental abnormality" means a congenital or acquired condition of a person that affects
15	the emotional or volitional capacity of the person in a manner that predisposes that person to the
16	commission of criminal sexual acts to a degree that makes the person a menace to the health and
17	safety of other persons.
18	(j) "Predator" means a person whose act(s) is (are) or was (were) directed at a stranger, or
19	at a person with whom a relationship has been established or promoted for the primary purpose of
20	victimization.
21	(k) "Sexually violent offense" means, and includes, any violation of §§ 11-37-2, 11-37-4,
22	11-37-6, 11-37-8, 11-37-8.1, 11-37-8.3, 11-67-2 (where the victim was subject to commercial
23	sexual activity), 11-67-3(a), 11-67-3(b) (where the victim was subject to commercial sexual
24	activity), 11-67.1-3(c) (where the victim was subject to sexual servitude), 11-67.1-5(d), 11-67.1-
25	6(c); or 11-5-1, where the specified felony is sexual assault; or § 11-23-1, where the murder was
26	committed in the perpetration of, or attempted perpetration of, rape or any degree of sexual
27	assault or child molestation; or any offense in another jurisdiction that is substantially the
28	equivalent of any offense listed in this subsection or for which the person is or would be required
29	to register under 42 U.S.C. § 14071 34 U.S.C. § 20911, or 18 U.S.C. § 4042(e) or any conviction
30	for an attempt or conspiracy to commit an offense enumerated in this subsection.
31	(l) "Sexually violent predator" means a person who has been convicted of a sexually
32	violent offense and who has a mental abnormality or personality disorder that makes the person
33	likely to engage in predatory sexually violent offenses.

(m) "Student" means, and includes, the definition of "student" under 42 U.S.C. § 14071

1	<u>34 U.S.C. § 20911</u> .
2	(n) "Parole board" means the parole board or its designee.
3	(o) "Day care establishment" means an establishment licensed by the state of Rhode
4	Island or its agents, to provide day care services for children.
5	(p) "Federal offenses requiring registration" means, and includes, any conviction for the
6	following offenses, any other offense hereafter included in 34 U.S.C. § 20911, or any conviction
7	for an attempt or conspiracy to commit an offense enumerated in this subsection:
8	(1) 18 U.S.C. § 1591 (sex trafficking by force, fraud, or coercion);
9	(2) 18 U.S.C. § 1801 (video voyeurism of a minor);
10	(3) 18 U.S.C. § 2241(aggravated sexual abuse);
11	(4) 18 U.S.C. § 2242 (sexual abuse);
12	(5) 18 U.S.C. § 2243 (sexual abuse of a minor or ward);
13	(6) 18 U.S.C. § 2244 (abusive sexual contact);
14	(7) 18 U.S.C. § 2245 (offenses resulting in death);
15	(8) 18 U.S.C. § 2251 (sexual exploitation of children);
16	(9) 18 U.S.C. § 2251A (selling or buying of children);
17	(10) 18 U.S.C. § 2252 (material involving the sexual exploitation of a minor);
18	(11) 18 U.S.C. § 2252A (material containing child pornography);
19	(12) 18 U.S.C. § 2252B (misleading domain names on the internet);
20	(13) 18 U.S.C. § 2252C (misleading words or digital images on the internet);
21	(14) 18 U.S.C. § 2260 (production of sexually explicit depictions of a minor for import
22	into the United States);
23	(15) 18 U.S.C. § 2421 (transportation of a minor for illegal sexual activity);
24	(16) 18 U.S.C. § 2422 (coercion and enticement of a minor for illegal sexual activity);
25	(17) 18 U.S.C. § 2423 (transportation of minors for illegal sexual activity, travel with the
26	intent to engage in illicit sexual conduct with a minor, engaging in illicit sexual conduct in
27	foreign places);
28	(18) 18 U.S.C. § 2424 (failure to file factual statement about an alien individual); or
29	(19) 18 U.S.C. § 2425 (transmitting information about a minor to further criminal sexual
30	conduct).
31	(q) "Foreign offenses requiring registration" means, and includes, any conviction for a
32	sex offense involving any conduct listed in this chapter that was obtained under the laws of
33	Canada, the United Kingdom, Australia, New Zealand, or under the laws of any foreign country
34	when the United States State Department in its country reports on human rights practices has

1 concluded that an independent judiciary generally or vigorously enforced the right to a fair trial in 2 that country during the year in which the conviction occurred, or any conviction for an attempt or 3 conspiracy to commit an offense enumerated in this subsection. 4 (r) "Habitually lives or sleeps" means living in a place with some regularity, and with reference to where the sex offender actually lives, which could be some place other than a 5 mailing address or primary address but would entail a place where the sex offender lives on an 6 7 intermittent basis. 8 (s) "Jurisdiction" means any of the fifty (50) states, the District of Columbia, the 9 Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern 10 Mariana Islands, the United States Virgin Islands, and any Indian tribe. 11 (t) "Military offense requiring registration" means, and includes, any conviction for any 12 military offense specified by the Secretary of Defense under section 115(a)(8)(C)(i) of Pub. L. 13 105-119, codified at 10 U.S.C. § 951 note, or any conviction for an attempt or conspiracy to 14 commit an offense enumerated in this subsection. 15 (u) "Public or private educational institutions" means early childhood facilities (nursery 16 school, pre-kindergarten and kindergarten), elementary, middle, secondary and post secondary 17 educational institutions authorized or licensed by the state of Rhode Island. 18 11-37.1-3. Registration required -- Persons covered. 19 (a) Any person who, in this or any other jurisdiction: (1) has been convicted of a criminal 20 offense against a victim who is a minor, (2) has been convicted of a sexually violent offense, (3) 21 has been determined to be a sexually violent predator, (4) has committed an aggravated offense as 22 defined in § 11-37.1-2, or (5) is a recidivist, as defined in § 11-37.1-4, (6) has been convicted of a federal offense requiring registration, (7) has been convicted of a foreign offense requiring 23 24 registration, or (8) has been convicted of a military offense requiring registration shall be required 25 to register his or her current address with the local law enforcement agency having jurisdiction 26 over the city or town in which the person having the duty to register resides for the time period 27 specified in § 11-37.1-4. 28 (b) Any person who is: (1) a nonresident worker who has committed an offense that is 29 subject to registration in the state jurisdiction of his or her residence and who is employed or 30 carrying on a vocation in Rhode Island as defined in § 11-37.1-2(g), or (2) a nonresident student 31 as defined by § 11-37.1-2(m) who has committed an offense that is subject to registration in the 32 state jurisdiction of his or her residence and who is attending an educational institution in Rhode

Island, shall be required to register his or her current address and the address of his or her place of

employment or school attended with the local law enforcement agency having jurisdiction over

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the city or town in which the nonresident worker or student is employed or attending school.

(c) Any person having a duty to register as a sex offender in subsection (a) of this section who is enrolled at, employed at or carrying on a vocation at an institution of higher education shall have an additional duty to register the information described in subsection (a) of this section with the local law enforcement agency in the city or town where the primary campus of the institution of higher education at which the person is enrolled, employed or carrying on a vocation who is located for the period of time they are enrolled at, employed at or carrying on a vocation at the institution of higher education.

(d) If a person is registered as a sex offender in another state jurisdiction for an offense which, if committed within the jurisdiction of this state, would require the person to register as a sex offender, then that person, upon moving to or returning to this state, shall register as a sex offender in the same manner as if the offense were committed within Rhode Island.

### 11-37.1-4. Duration of registration -- Frequency of registration.

- (a) Annual registration. Any person required to register under § 11-37.1-3(a)(1) or (2) shall annually register with the local law enforcement agency having jurisdiction over the city or town in which the person having the duty to register resides for a period of ten (10) years from the expiration of sentence for the offense and shall verify his or her address with the agency on a quarterly basis for the first two (2) years of the period unless the person has been determined to be a sexually violent predator in accordance with § 11-37.1-6 or unless the person is required to register for the life of that person in accordance with the provisions of subsection (c) of this section.
- (b) Sexually violent predators. Any person who has been determined to be a sexually violent predator in accordance with the provisions of § 11-37.1-6 shall be required to annually register in person with the local law enforcement agency having jurisdiction over the city or town in which the person having the duty to register resides for the life of that person and to verify his or her address on a quarterly basis for the life of that person.
- (c) Recidivists and aggravated crime offenders. Any person required to register under § 11-37.1-3 and who has one or more prior convictions for any offense described in § 11-37.1-2 or has been convicted of an aggravated offense as defined in § 11-37.1-2 shall annually register in person with the local law enforcement agency having jurisdiction over the city or town in which the person having the duty to register resides for the life of that person and to verify his or her address on a quarterly basis for the life of that person.
- (d) Nonresident workers and students. Any nonresident person required to register pursuant to § 11-37.1-3(b)(1) or (2) shall annually register in person with the local law

enforcement agency having jurisdiction over the city or town in which the person having the duty to register is employed or attends school for the period of time that the person is employed in Rhode Island or is attending school in Rhode Island.

- (e) Initial registration; Incarcerated individuals. All persons required to register under this chapter who are sentenced to a period of confinement shall perform their initial registration by appearing in person at the local law enforcement agency in the city or town in which the person intends to reside within twenty-four (24) hours of their release from confinement.
- (f) Initial registration; Non-incarcerated individuals. All persons required to register under this chapter who are convicted in Rhode Island and who are not sentenced to serve a term of incarceration or confinement shall perform their initial registration by appearing in person at the local law enforcement agency in the city or town in which the person intends to reside within twenty-four (24) hours of being sentenced.
- (g) Initial registration; Individuals relocating to Rhode Island. All persons required to register under this chapter who are moving their residence to Rhode Island from another jurisdiction shall perform their initial registration by appearing in person at the local law enforcement agency in the city or town in which the person intends to reside within twenty-four (24) hours of their arrival in Rhode Island.
- (h) Initial registration; Nonresident workers and students. All nonresident workers or students who are required to register under this chapter shall perform their initial registration by appearing in person at the local law enforcement agency in the city or town in which the person is employed or is attending school within twenty-four (24) hours of their first day of their personal attendance at their place of employment or school.
- (i) Tolling provision. Where, during the period in which any person is required to register, a person required to register under this chapter is incarcerated or re-incarcerated for any offense or is civilly committed, the person's registration requirements shall be tolled during the subsequent incarceration, re-incarceration or commitment.
- (j) Juveniles. Any juvenile having the duty to register under subsections (b) and (c) of this section shall be required to annually register in person with the local law enforcement agency having jurisdiction over the city or town in which the juvenile having the duty to register resides for fifteen (15) years subsequent to the date of release from confinement or placement in the community or probation for such offense or offenses and to verify his or her address on a quarterly basis for said fifteen (15) years. However, if a juvenile is adjudicated delinquent under § 11-37-8.1 or 11-37-8.3, the court shall assess the totality of the circumstances of the offense and if the court makes a finding that the conduct of the parties is criminal only because of the age of

•	the victim, the court may have discretion to order the javenine to register as a sex oriented as rong
2	as the court deems it appropriate to protect the community and to rehabilitate the juvenile
3	offender. Registration shall be subject to the provisions of this chapter.
4	(k) Annual registration for federal, foreign, or military offenses. Any person who has
5	been convicted of a federal offense requiring registration, a foreign offense requiring registration,
6	or a military offense requiring registration shall register for the duration and frequency as a sex
7	offender in the same manner as if the offense were committed within Rhode Island.
8	11-37.1-5. Registration requirement upon release, parole, or probation.
9	(a) (1) Duty of state officials. If a person who is required to register under this chapter is
10	released from prison, then the official in charge of the place of confinement or his or her designee
11	shall comply with the provisions of subsection (b) of this section;
12	(2) If a person who is required to register under this chapter is placed on parole, the
13	executive secretary of the parole board shall comply with the provisions of subsection (b) of this
14	section;
15	(3) If a person who is required to register under this chapter is released on probation or
16	placed on home confinement, then the assistant administrator or the division of probation shall
17	comply with the provisions of subsection (b) of this section;
18	(4) If a person who is required to register under this chapter is released from a juvenile
19	correctional facility, either outright or on some form of supervised release, then the person in
20	charge of the institution shall comply with the provisions of subsection (b) of this section;
21	(5) If a person who is required to register under this chapter is placed on juvenile
22	probation, then the person in charge of the program shall comply with the provisions of
23	subsection (b) of this section; or
24	(6) If a person who is required to register under this chapter has moved into this state
25	under the provisions of an interstate compact providing for supervision of the terms of his or her
26	release by agents of this state, then the administrator of the interstate compact shall comply with
27	the provisions of subsection (b) of this section.
28	(b) Notification of registration requirements. The person designated with the
29	responsibility for the notification requirements of this chapter shall, prior to the release of any
30	person required to register under this chapter:
31	(1) Inform the person of the duty to register and obtain the information required for
32	registration;
33	(2) Inform the person that if the person changes his or her residence address, the person
34	shall give the new address to a designated state law enforcement agency in writing within twenty-

2	(3) Inform the person that if the person changes residence to another state jurisdiction, the
3	person shall register the new address with the law enforcement agency with whom the person last
4	registered, and the person is also required to register with a designated law enforcement agency in
5	the new state jurisdiction in accordance with the new state's jurisdiction's sex offender registration
6	statute;
7	(4) Inform the person that if the person works or attends school in another state
8	jurisdiction in which he or she does not reside, the person shall register his or her employment
9	address or address of the educational institution he or she attends as required by the other state
10	jurisdiction;
11	(5) Obtain fingerprints, palm prints and a photograph of the person if these have not
12	already been obtained in connection with the offense that triggers registration; and
13	(6) Require the person to read and sign a form approved by the attorney general stating
14	that the duty of the person to register under this section has been explained.
15	(c) Registration information. In addition to the requirements of subsection (b) of this
16	section, for a person required to register under § 11-37.1-3, then the person responsible for the
17	notification required under subsection (b) of this section shall obtain the name of the person,
18	identifying factors, anticipated future residence, juvenile and adult offense history, and
19	documentation of any treatment received for the mental abnormality or personality disorder of the
20	person. following information in a digitized format:
21	(1) Relating to the sex offender's name:
22	(i) The sex offender's full primary given name;
23	(ii) Any and all nicknames, aliases, and pseudonyms regardless of the context in which
24	they are used; and
25	(iii) Any and all ethnic or tribal names by which the sex offender is commonly known.
26	This does not include any religious or sacred names not otherwise commonly known.
27	(2) Relating to the sex offender's date of birth:
28	(i) The sex offender's actual date of birth; and
29	(ii) Any other date of birth used by the sex offender.
30	(3) Relating to the sex offender's social security number:
31	(i) A valid social security number for the sex offender; and
32	(ii) Any social security number the sex offender has used in the past, valid or otherwise.
33	(4) A current digitized photograph of the sex offender.
34	(5) An accurate description of the sex offender as follows:

four (24) hours;

1	(1) A physical description;
2	(ii) A general description of the sex offender's physical appearance or characteristics; and
3	(iii) Any identifying marks, such as, but not limited to, scars, moles, birthmarks, or
4	<u>tattoos.</u>
5	(6) A photocopy of all of the sex offender's valid driver's licenses issued by any
6	jurisdiction.
7	(7) A photocopy of any identification card used by the sex offender.
8	(8) A photocopy of any passports used by the sex offender.
9	(9) A photocopy of any and all immigration documents used by the sex offender.
10	(10) Relating to the sex offender's residence:
11	(i) The address of each residence at which the sex offender resides or will reside; and
12	(ii) Any location or description that identifies where the sex offender habitually lives or
13	sleeps regardless of whether it pertains to a permanent residence or location otherwise identifiable
14	by a street or address.
15	(11) Relating to the sex offender's telephone numbers:
16	(i) Any and all landline telephone numbers;
17	(ii) Any and all cellular telephone numbers; and
18	(iii) Any and all telephone numbers and any other designations used by sex offenders for
19	the purposes of routing or self-identification in telephonic communications.
20	(12) Relating to the sex offender's Internet related activity:
21	(i) Any and all email addresses used by the sex offender;
22	(ii) Any and all Instant Message addresses and identifiers;
23	(iii) Any and all other designations or monitors used for self-identification in Internet
24	communications or postings; and
25	(iv) Any and all designations used by the sex offender for the purpose of routing or self-
26	identification and Internet communications or postings.
27	(13) Relating to all vehicles owned or operated by the sex offender for work or personal
28	use including land vehicles, aircraft, and watercraft:
29	(i) License plate numbers;
30	(ii) Registration numbers or identifiers;
31	(iii) General description of the vehicle to include color, make, model, and year; and
32	(iv) Any permanent or frequent location where any covered vehicle is kept.
33	(14) Relating to the sex offender's employment, any and all places where the sex offender
34	is employed in any means including volunteer and unpaid positions:

1	(1) The name of the sex offender's employer,
2	(ii) The address of the sex offender's employer; and
3	(iii) Similar information related to any transient or day labor employment.
4	(15) All licensing information that authorizes the sex offender to engage in an occupation
5	or carry out a trade or business.
6	(16) Relating to the sex offender's school:
7	(i) The name of each school at which the sex offender is or will be a student; and
8	(ii) The address of each school where the sex offender is or will be a student.
9	(17) Relating to the sex offender's criminal history:
10	(i) The date of all arrests;
11	(ii) The date of all convictions;
12	(iii) The sex offender's status of parole, probation, or supervised release;
13	(iv) The sex offender's registration status; and
14	(v) Any outstanding arrest warrants.
15	(18) Fingerprints and palm prints of the sex offender in a digitized format. The
16	department shall submit the sex offender's fingerprints to IAFIS and the sex offender's palmprints
17	to the FBI Central Database, Next Generation Identification Program.
18	(19) If the sex offender's DNA is not already contained in the Combined DNA Index
19	System (CODIS), the sex offender shall provide the department a sample of their DNA. Any
20	DNA sample obtained from a sex offender shall be submitted to an appropriate lab for analysis
21	and entry of the resulting DNA profile into CODIS.
22	(20) The department shall obtain the text of each provision of law defining the criminal
23	offense(s) for which the sex offender is registered.
24	(21) When the sex offender will be absent from their residence for seven (7) days or
25	more:
26	(i) Identifying information of the temporary lodging locations including addresses and
27	names; and
28	(ii) The dates the sex offender will be staying at each temporary lodging location.
29	(22) In the event the sex offender will be traveling outside of the United States, the sex
30	offender must notify the department at least twenty-one (21) days in advance of the travel date
31	and provide any necessary information regarding their international travel. Upon notification of a
32	sex offender's intention to travel internationally, the department shall immediately notify and
33	provide the sex offender's travel information to INTERPOL.
34	(23) A signed copy of the sex offenders notice of registration and notification obligations

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- (24) Documentation of any treatment received for the mental abnormality or personality
   disorder of the person.
  - (25) The local law enforcement agency and the designated state law enforcement agency shall maintain all information obtained under this chapter in a digitized format.
  - (26) For purposes of this subsection, the provisions of chapter 37.3 of title 5 pertaining to health care privileges, the provisions of § 9-17-24 pertaining to the privilege of witnesses, or the provisions of § 42-72-8 pertaining to confidentiality of records of the department of children, youth and families, shall not be effective so as to prevent the transfer of information or the testimony of any person possessing any information required by this subsection. Any information so obtained may be transferred to the sex offender board of review and may be used by them in making a determination of whether or not the person is a sexually violent predator or in determining the level of notification under § 11-37.1-12. The information may also be used by the sentencing court or by any court reviewing the level of notification determined by the sex offender board of review or reviewing any conviction or sentence which requires registration under this chapter. Provided, information so obtained shall not be admissible in any other judicial proceeding against the subject of the information except to determine a person's status as a sexually violent predator or to determine or review the level of notification to the community which has been made by a court or the sex offender board of review. Provided, further, that this subsection shall not be applicable to any person for whom an appeal is pending for which a final judgment of conviction has not been entered, until the time that a final conviction has been entered.

### 11-37.1-6. Community notification.

- (1) (a) Sex Offender Board of Review. The governor shall appoint eight (8) persons including experts in the field of the behavior and treatment of sexual offenders by reason of training and experience, victim's rights advocates, and law enforcement representatives to the sex offender board of review. At least one member of the sex offender board of review shall be a qualified child/adolescent sex offender treatment specialist. These persons shall serve at the pleasure of the governor or until their successor has been duly qualified and appointed.
- (b) Duties of the Board. Upon passage of this legislation, the sex offender board of review will utilize a validated risk assessment instrument and other material approved by the parole board to determine the level of risk an offender poses to the community and to assist the sentencing court in determining if that person is a sexually violent predator. If the offender is a juvenile, the Department of Children, Youth & Families shall select and administer a risk

instrument appropriate for juveniles and shall submit the results to the sex offender board of review.

- (c) Duties of other state agencies. Six (6) months prior to release of any person having a duty to register under § 11-37.1-3, or upon sentencing of a person having a duty to register under § 11-37.1-3, if the offender is not incarcerated, the agency having supervisory responsibility and the Interstate Compact Unit of the Rhode Island department of corrections upon acceptance of supervision of a sexual offender from the sending state jurisdiction shall refer the person to the sex offender board of review, together with any reports and documentation that may be helpful to the board, for a determination as to the level of risk an offender poses to the community and to assist the sentencing court in determining if that person is a sexually violent predator.
- (2) (i) The board shall within thirty (30) days of a referral of a person shall conduct the validated risk assessment, review other material provided by the agency having supervisory responsibility and assign a risk of re-offense level to the offender. In addition, the board may find that, based on the assessment score and other material, that the person may possess a mental abnormality or personality disorder that makes the person likely to engage in sexually violent predatory offenses. In these cases, the committee shall ask the parole board psychiatrist or if the offender is a juvenile, a DCYF psychiatrist to conduct a sex offender evaluation to determine if the offender possesses a mental abnormality or personality disorder that affects the emotional or volitional capacity of the person in a manner that predisposes that person to the commission of criminal sexual acts to a degree that makes the person a menace to the health and safety of other persons.
- (ii) Upon receipt of a sex offender evaluation that suggests there is sufficient evidence and documentation to suggest that a person may be a sexually violent predator, the sex offender board of review shall forward a report to the attorney general for consideration by the court.
- (iii) Upon receipt of a report from the attorney general, the court, after notice to the offender and his or her counsel, shall upon consideration of the report and other materials, make a determination as to whether or not a person is a sexually violent predator.
- (iv) Effect of determination. In the event that a determination is made by the court that a person is a sexually violent predator, that person shall be required to register and verify his or her address in accordance with §§ 11-37.1-3, 11-37.1-4 and 11-37.1-8(b).
- (3) No cause of action or liability shall arise or exist against the committee or any member or agent of the board as a result of the failure of the board to make any findings required by this section within the time period specified by subdivision (2) of this subsection.
- (4) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the board shall have access to all relevant

records and information in the possession of any state official or agency having a duty under §§ 11-37.1-5(a)(1) through (6), relating to the juvenile and adult offenders under review by the board, including, but not limited to, police reports; prosecutor's statements of probable cause, presentence investigations and reports, complete judgments and sentences, current classification referrals, juvenile and adult criminal history records, violation and disciplinary reports, all psychological evaluations and psychiatric evaluations, psychiatric hospital records, sex offender evaluations and treatment reports, substance abuse evaluations and treatment reports to the extent allowed by federal law. Records and information obtained by the board of review under this subsection shall remain confidential, provided that the board of review may disclose the records and information to the sentencing court in accordance with the provisions of this chapter.

(5) Duties of the director of the department of corrections/director of the department of children, youth and families. Not less than sixty (60) days prior to release of any person subject to this chapter, the director of the department of corrections or, in the event the person is a juvenile, the director of the department of children, youth and families, or their respective designees, shall seek verification that the duties of the sex offender board of review and any other state agency have been fulfilled as specified in § 11-37.1-6 et seq. In the event that the director of the department of corrections or, in the event the person is a juvenile, the director of the department of children, youth and families, cannot obtain verification, he or she shall, no less than thirty (30) days prior to the release of a person subject to this chapter, file with the presiding judge of the superior court or, in the case of a juvenile, the chief judge of the family court, a petition in the nature of mandamus, seeking compliance with this chapter. The court shall promptly, but no less than ten (10) days from the filing of the petition, hold a hearing on the petition. The court may, in its discretion, enter any orders consistent with this chapter to compel compliance, however, the court may not delay the release of any person subject to this chapter for the failure of the sex offender board of review or any state agency to fulfill its obligations under this chapter.

# 11-37.1-7. Transfer of information to designated state law enforcement agency and the FBI.

(a) The person required to provide notice in accordance with § 11-37.1-5(b) and the local law enforcement agencies required to register persons who have a duty to register in accordance with § 11-37.1-4, shall, within three (3) days after receipt of information defined in that section, forward it to a designated state law enforcement agency. The designated state law enforcement agency shall immediately enter the information into the appropriate state law enforcement record system. The state law enforcement agency shall also immediately transmit the conviction data and fingerprints to the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

1	(b) whenever a sex offender initially registers of updates their information with the state,
2	the designated state law enforcement agency shall immediately notify:
3	(1) Any and all other registration jurisdictions where the sex offender is registered due to
4	the sex offender's residency, school attendance, or employment;
5	(2) The FBI or other federal agencies as designated by the United States attorney general
6	in order that the information may be updated on NSOR or other relevant databases;
7	(3) Any agency, department, or program within the state that is responsible for criminal
8	investigation, prosecution, child welfare or sex offender supervision functions; and
9	(4) National Child Protection Act agencies, which includes any agency responsible for
10	conducting employment-related background checks under section 3 of the National Child
11	Protection Act of 1993, 42 U.S.C. § 5119a.
12	(c) The department shall ensure there is an automated community notification process in
13	place that ensures the following:
14	(1) Upon a sex offender's initial registration or update of information with the state, the
15	state's public sex offender registry website is immediately updated; and
16	(2) The state's public sex offender registry has a function that enables the general public
17	to request an email notice that will notify them when a sex offender commences residence,
18	employment, or school attendance with the state, within a specified zip code, or within a certain
19	geographic radius. This email notice shall include the sex offender's identity so that the public
20	can access the public registry for the new information.
21	(d) The notification requirements of subsections (a)(4) and (c)(2) of this section do not
22	apply to sex offenders who were adjudicated delinquent of a sex offense.
23	(e) Notwithstanding the aforementioned notification requirements, the designated state
24	law enforcement agency and local law enforcement agencies where the sex offender resides, is
25	employed or attends school, may utilize other forms of community notification consistent with
26	the provisions and intent of this chapter.
27	(f) In the event a sex offender fails to register or fails to verify or update their registration
28	information, the local law enforcement agency shall immediately inform the local law
29	enforcement agency of the city or town where the sex offender resides, is employed or attends
30	school, the jurisdiction that provided notification that the sex offender was to commence
31	residency, employment, or school attendance, and the designated state law enforcement agency
32	that the sex offender failed to appear for registration or failed to update their registration
33	information.
34	(1) Upon notification by the designated state law enforcement agency, the local law

1	enforcement agency where the sex offender resides, is employed or attends school, shall:
2	(i) Make an effort to determine if the sex offender is actually residing, employed or
3	attending school within their city or town; and
4	(ii) Seek a warrant for the sex offender's arrest for failing to register or verify or update
5	their registration in compliance with this chapter. The U.S. Marshals Service or FBI may be
6	contacted in an attempt to obtain a federal warrant for the sex offender's arrest.
7	(iii) The designated state law enforcement agency shall update the registry to reflect that
8	the sex offender is not in compliance with their duty to register.
9	(g) If the designated state law enforcement agency receives information that a sex
10	offender has absconded or local law enforcement cannot determine whether the sex offender is
11	actually residing, employed or attending school in a city or town using the measures outlined in
12	subsection (f) of this section, the designated state law enforcement agency, with the assistance of
13	local law enforcement, shall make an effort to determine if the sex offender has actually
14	absconded.
15	(1) If the information indicating the possible absconding came through notice from
16	another jurisdiction or federal authorities, they shall be informed that the sex offender has failed
17	to appear and register.
18	(2) If an absconded sex offender cannot be located then the designated state law
19	enforcement agency shall take the following steps:
20	(i) Update the registry to reflect the sex offender has absconded or is otherwise not
21	capable of being located;
22	(ii) Notify the local law enforcement agency where the sex offender resides, so the local
23	law enforcement agency can seek a warrant for the sex offender's arrest.
24	(iii) Notify the U.S. Marshals Service or FBI so they may attempt, if necessary, to obtain
25	a federal warrant for the sex offender's arrest;
26	(iv) Update the NSOR to reflect the sex offender's status as an absconder, or is otherwise
27	not capable of being located; and
28	(v) Enter the sex offender into the National Crime Information Center Wanted Person
29	<u>file</u> .
30	11-37.1-8. Verification of address.
31	(a) For a person required to register under § 11-37.1-3(a)(1) or (2) on each anniversary of
32	the person's initial registration date during the period in which the person is required to register:
33	(1) The sex offender community notification unit of the parole board designated state law
34	enforcement agency shall mail a non-forwardable verification form to the last reported address of

the person;

- (2) The person shall mail the verification form to the sex offender community notification
   unit designated state law enforcement agency within ten (10) days after receipt of the form;
  - (3) The verification form shall be signed by the person, and state that the person still resides at the address last reported to the local law enforcement agency having jurisdiction over the city or town in which the person having the duty to register resides; and
  - (4) If the person fails to mail the verification form to the sex offender community notification unit of the parole board designated state law enforcement agency within ten (10) days after receipt of the form, the person shall be in violation of this chapter unless the person proves that the person has not changed the residence address from that which he or she last registered.
  - (b) The provisions of subdivisions (1) -- (4) of this section shall apply to a person required to register under § 11-37.1-3(a)(3), (4), or (5), except that the registration address verification shall take place quarterly.

### 11-37.1-9. Notification of local law enforcement agencies of changes in address.

- (a) Duty of local law enforcement agency; Interstate and Intrastate moves. For any person required to register under this chapter, the local law enforcement agency having jurisdiction where the person is residing, shall, if the person changes residence to another state jurisdiction or within the state, notify the law enforcement agency with which the person must register in the new state jurisdiction, if the new state has a registration requirement and notify the designated state jurisdiction law enforcement agency. The designated state law enforcement agency shall provide immediate notice as provided under § 11-37.1-7 (b).
- (b) Duty of person required to register; Interstate moves. A person who has been convicted of an offense which required registration under this chapter shall register the new address with a designated state law enforcement agency in another state jurisdiction to which the person moves in accordance with the new state's jurisdiction's sex offender registration statute. Prior to the change of residence to a new state jurisdiction, the person shall notify the local law enforcement agency within this state with which the person is registered of the intended move and of the new address within the new state jurisdiction.
- (c) Duty of law enforcement agency; Changes of residence within the state. For any person required to register under this chapter, the local law enforcement agency having jurisdiction where the person is residing, shall, if the person changes residence to another city or town in Rhode Island, notify the local law enforcement agency with which the person must register in the new city or town and notify the state designated state law enforcement agency. The designated state law enforcement agency shall provide immediate notice as provided under § 11-

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(d) Duty of person required to register; Changes of residence within the state. A person	
who has been convicted of an offense which requires registration under this chapter and who	
changes his or her residence address to another city or town in Rhode Island, shall notify the local	
law enforcement agency in the city or town from which the person is moving before the person	
establishes residence in the new location, and shall register with the local law enforcement	
agency in the city or town in which the person is moving not later than twenty-four (24) hours	
after the person establishes residence in the new city or town. A person who has been convicted	
of an offense which requires registration under this chapter and who changes his or her residence	
within a city or town in Rhode Island shall notify the local law enforcement agency in the city or	
town not later than twenty-four (24) hours after the person changes the residence within the city	
or town.	
(e) Duty of person required to register; Changes in required registration information. A	
person who has been convicted of an offense which requires registration under this chapter shall	
immediately notify the local law enforcement agency having jurisdiction where the person is	
residing, is employed, or attending school of any changes to their temporary lodging information,	
vehicle information, Internet identifiers, or telephone numbers. In the event of a change in	
temporary lodging, the sex offender and the local law enforcement agency shall immediately	
notify the jurisdiction in which the sex offender will be temporarily staying. The local law	
enforcement agency having jurisdiction shall also notify the designated state law enforcement	
agency. The designated state law enforcement agency shall provide immediate notice as provided	
<u>under § 11-37.1-7 (b).</u>	
(f) With regard to changes in a sex offender's registration information, the designated	
state law enforcement agency shall immediately notify:	
(1) All jurisdictions where a sex offender was required to register prior to the updated	
information being given;	
(2) All jurisdictions where a sex offender intends to reside, work, or attend school;	
(3) All jurisdictions where the sex offender is either registered or required to register;	
(4) Specifically with respect to information relating to a sex offender's intent to	
commence residence, school, or employment outside of the United States, any jurisdiction where	
the sex offender is either registered or required to register, and the U.S. Marshals Service; and	
(5) The NSOR.	
(g) In the event the sex offender will be traveling outside of the United States, the sex	

offender must notify the local law enforcement agency at least twenty-one (21) days in advance

of the travel date and provide any necessary information regarding their international travel. The local law enforcement agency having jurisdiction shall also notify the designated state law enforcement agency. The designated state law enforcement agency shall provide immediate notice as provided under § 11-37.1-7 (b). Upon notification of a sex offender's intention to travel internationally, the designated state law enforcement agency shall immediately notify and provide the sex offender's travel information to INTERPOL.

### 11-37.1-10. Penalties.

- (a) Any person who is required to register or verify his or her address or give notice of a change of address or residence who knowingly fails to do so shall be guilty of a felony and, upon conviction, be imprisoned not more than ten (10) years, or fined not more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), or both.
- (b) Any person who is required to register or verify his or her address or give notice of a change of address or residence who knowingly fails to do so shall be in violation of the terms of his or her release, regardless of whether or not the term was a special condition of his or her release on probation, parole, home confinement or other form of supervised release.
- (c) Except in the case of a level-three (3) sex offender, any person who is required to register or verify his or her address, who knowingly resides within three hundred feet (300') of any school, public or private, day care establishment or public or private educational institution, which distance shall be measured from the nearest boundary line of the real property supporting the residence of the sex offender to the nearest boundary line of the real property that supports or upon which there exists a day care establishment or public or private educational institution shall be guilty of a felony and, upon conviction, may be imprisoned not more than five (5) years, or fined not more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000), or both.
- (d) Any level-three (3) sex offender who knowingly resides within one thousand feet (1,000') of any school, public or private, day care establishment or public or private educational institution, which distance shall be measured from the nearest boundary line of the real property supporting the residence of the level three (3) sex offender to the nearest boundary line of the real property that supports or upon which there exists a day care establishment or public or private educational institution shall be guilty of a felony and, upon conviction, may be imprisoned for not more than five (5) years, or fined not more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000), or both.

### 11-37.1-11. Release of information.

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

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2	required in the following instances:
3	(1) Information may be disclosed to law enforcement agencies for law enforcement
4	purposes;
5	(2) Information may be disclosed to government agencies conducting confidential
6	background checks;
7	(3) The designated state law enforcement agency and any local law enforcement agency
8	authorized by the state agency may release relevant information that is necessary to protect
9	individuals concerning a specific person required to register under this chapter, except that the
.0	identity of a victim of an offense that requires registration under this section shall not be released;
1	(4) Information may be released or disseminated in accordance with the provisions of §
2	11-37.1-12;
.3	(5) Information shall be disclosed by the local police department to the general public in
4	a city or town for those registered offenders determined to be either a level 2 or level 3 offender
.5	as determined consistent with parole board guidelines; and
6	(6) Information shall be disclosed by the local police department to the local school
7	department for those registered offenders determined to be level 3 offenders by the parole board
8	for the purposes of notifying parents of students whose school bus stop is within one thousand
9	feet (1,000') of a level 3 sex offender's residence, which distance shall be measured from the
20	nearest boundary line of the real property supporting the residence of the level 3 sex offender to
21	the school bus stop.
22	(c) Any local law enforcement agency shall release relevant information collected
23	pursuant to § 11-37.1-3(c) to any campus police agency appointed pursuant to § 16-52-2 or police
24	for private institutions appointed pursuant to § 12-2.1-1 for any person having a duty to register
25	who is enrolled in, employed by, or carrying on a vocation at an institution of higher education
26	That agency may release relevant information that is necessary to protect individuals concerning
27	a specific person required to register under this chapter, except that the identity of a victim of an
28	offense that requires registration under this section shall not be released.
29	11-37.1-12. Rules and regulations for community notification.
0	(a) The parole board shall promulgate guidelines and procedures for notification required
31	pursuant to the provisions of this section.
32	(b) The regulations shall provide for three (3) levels of notification depending upon the
3	risk of re-offense level of the sex offender determined by the sex offender board of review as
34	outlined in § 11-37.1-6(b):

1	(1) If risk of re-offense is low, law enforcement agencies and any individuals identified in
2	accordance with the parole board guidelines shall be notified;
3	(2) If risk of re-offense is moderate, organizations in the community likely to encounter
4	the person registered shall be notified in accordance with the parole board's guidelines, in
5	addition to the notice required by subdivision (1) of this subsection;
6	(3) If risk of re-offense is high, the members of the public likely to encounter the person
7	registered shall be notified through means in accordance with the parole board's guidelines
8	designed to reach members of the public likely to encounter the person registered, in addition to
9	the notice required by subdivisions (1) and (2) of this subsection.
10	(4) The sex offender community notification unit designated state law enforcement
11	agency is authorized and directed to utilize the Rhode Island state police web site and the Rhode
12	Island Unified Court System website for the public release of identifying information of level two
13	and level three sex offenders who have been convicted, provided that no identifying information
14	of a juvenile shall be listed on the web site.
15	(i) The website shall have the capability of conducting searches by name, county, city,
16	and/or town; and zip code and/or geographic radius.
17	(ii) The website shall include:
18	(A) Links to sex offender safety and education resources;
19	(B) Instructions on how a person can seek correction of information that the individual
20	contends is erroneous;
21	(C) A warning that the information contained on the website should not be used to
22	unlawfully injure, harass, or commit a crime against any individual named in the registry or
23	residing or working at any reported addresses and that any such action could result in civil or
24	criminal penalties; and
25	(D) All field search capabilities needed for full participation in the Dru Sjodin National
26	Sex Offender Public website and shall participate in that website as provided by the Attorney
27	General of the United States.
28	(iii) The following information shall be made available to the public on the website:
29	(A) Notice that an offender is in violation of their registration requirements or cannot be
30	located if the sex offender has absconded;
31	(B) All sex offenses for which the sex offender has been convicted;
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32	(C) The sex offense(s) for which the offender is currently registered;
33	(C) The sex offense(s) for which the offender is currently registered; (D) The address of the sex offender's employer(s);

1	(F) A current photograph of the sex offender;
2	(G) A physical description of the sex offender;
3	(H) The residential address and, if relevant, a description of a location where the sex
4	offender habitually lives or sleeps;
5	(I) All addresses of schools attended by the sex offender; and
6	(J) The sex offender's vehicle license plate number along with a description of the
7	vehicle.
8	(c) The following information shall not be available to the public on the sex offender
9	registry website:
10	(1) Any arrest that did not result in conviction;
11	(2) The sex offender's social security number;
12	(3) Any travel and immigration documents;
13	(4) The identity of the victim;
14	(5) Internet identifiers (as defined in 42 U.S.C. § 16911); and
15	(6) Any information of a sex offender who was adjudicated delinquent of a sex offense.
16	(d) For sex offenders who are under a witness protection program, the designated state
17	law enforcement agency may honor the request of the United States Marshals Service or other
18	agency responsible for witness protection by not including the original identity of the offender on
19	the publicly accessible sex offender registry website.
20	(5)(e) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the sex offender review board shall
21	have access to all relevant records and information in the possession of any state official or
22	agency having a duty under § 11-37.1-5(a)(1) through (6) relating to juvenile and adult offenders
23	under review by the sex offender review board, including, but not limited to, police reports,
24	prosecutors statements of probable cause, pre-sentence investigations and reports, complete
25	judgments and sentences, current classification referrals, juvenile and adult criminal history
26	records, violation and disciplinary reports, all psychological evaluations and psychiatric
27	evaluations, psychiatric hospital records, sex offender evaluations and treatment reports,
28	substance abuse evaluations and treatment reports to the extent allowed by federal law. Records
29	and information obtained by the sex offender review board under this subsection shall remain
30	confidential, provided that the parole board may disclose the records and information to the board
31	of review, the sentencing court, and/or law enforcement agencies in accordance with the
32	provisions of this chapter.

1	SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on January 1, 2019 and shall apply to all persons
2	who are required to register as a sex offenders.
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# EXPLANATION

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

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1	This act would implement several provisions of the federal sex offender registration and
2	notification act, to include registration for a litany of federal or military offenses, conspiracy or
3	aiding in the commission of offenses, and would also mandate that law enforcement agencies
4	retain registration information in digitized form, and specify what information can or cannot be
5	shared on a public registry website.
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