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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2025

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

Introduced By: Senators Patalano, Dimitri, Gallo, Pearson, Thompson, Burke,
Appollonio, Britto, Tikoian, and Ciccone

Date Introduced: February 26, 2025

Referred To: Senate 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 address or give notice of a
5 change of address or residence who knowingly fails to do so shall be guilty of a felony and, upon
6 conviction, be imprisoned not more than ten (10) years, or fined not more than ten thousand dollars
7 (\$10,000), or both.

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

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

1 guilty of a felony and, upon conviction, may be imprisoned not more than five (5) years, or fined
2 not more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000), or both.

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

9 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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