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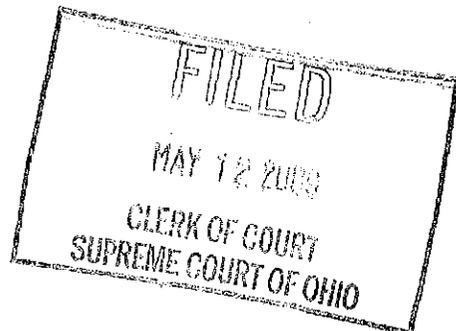


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**STATEMENT OF THE CASE AND FACTS**

Darian rests on the Statement of the Case and Facts as presented in his Merit Brief.

## ARGUMENT

### Introduction

Both the State of Ohio and the Ohio Attorney General claim that Darian's constitutional challenges to Senate Bill 10 ("S.B. 10") rest on a mere assumption that Darian was subject to an offense-based classification. (Answer, at p. 30); (Brief of Amicus Curiae Ohio Attorney General, at p. 7). However, Darian's argument rests on no such assumption. Instead, Darian's claims stem from *the fact* that he was classified as a Tier III juvenile offender registrant, *based solely on his offense*. (Brief, at pp. 2-11); see, also, *In re Smith*, 3<sup>rd</sup> Dist. No. 10-07-58, 2008-Ohio-3234, ¶31. It is this offense-based classification that has given rise to Darian's constitutional challenges. (Brief, at p. 11); see, also *In re Smith*, at ¶24-39. Thus, the primary issue before this Court is whether Darian's classification as a Tier III juvenile offender registrant violates the United States and Ohio Constitutions.

In addition to the issue of S.B. 10's constitutionality, Darian's case presents this Court with the opportunity to give guidance to all of Ohio's courts on how S.B. 10 is to be interpreted and applied to juveniles. (Brief, at pp. 10-14). To date, five appellate districts have issued opinions that discuss whether S.B. 10 requires juveniles to be classified in the same offense-based manner as adults, or whether juvenile courts retain discretion to determine the tier levels of juvenile offender registrants. See *In re G.E.S.*, 9<sup>th</sup> Dist. No. 24079, 2008-Ohio-4076, ¶37 (S.B. 10 vests juvenile courts with full discretion to determine tier level);<sup>1</sup> *In re A.R.*, 12<sup>th</sup> Dist. No. CA2008-03-035, 2008-Ohio-6566, ¶36 (the Twelfth District adopted the reasoning of the Ninth District in *In re G.E.S.*, and found that juvenile courts have full discretion in determining

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<sup>1</sup> The Ninth District Court of Appeals has consistently followed this holding in the following cases: *In re J.C.*, 9<sup>th</sup> Dist. No. 25354, 2009-Ohio-1213, ¶4; *In re T.H.*, 9<sup>th</sup> Dist. No. 24147, 2008-Ohio-4843, ¶4; and *In re E.B.*, 9<sup>th</sup> Dist. No. 24148, 2008-Ohio-5441, ¶7. *In re G.E.S.*, is currently pending before this Court as Case No. 2008-1926.

tier level);<sup>2</sup> *In re S.R.P.*, 12<sup>th</sup> Dist. No. CA2007-11-027, 2009-Ohio-11, ¶43 (adopted the reasoning of its previous decision in *In re A.R.*); *In re Gant*, 3<sup>rd</sup> Dist. No. 1-08-11, 2008-Ohio-5198, ¶15 (the Third District relied on its decision in *In re Smith*, and found that S.B. 10 leaves little, if any, discretion to the juvenile court, in determining tier level);<sup>3</sup> *In re P.M.*, 5<sup>th</sup> Dist. No. 2008CA00152, 2009-Ohio-1761, ¶14 (the Fifth District followed its decision in *In re Adrian R.*, 5<sup>th</sup> Dist. No. 08-CA017, 2008-Ohio-6581,<sup>4</sup> and held that S.B. 10 amended the provisions of R.C. 2950 “so that classification is no longer based on an individualized analysis, but based on the crime committed”); see, also, *In re P.M.*, 8<sup>th</sup> Dist. No. 91922, 2009-Ohio-1624, ¶5 (the Eighth District adopted the reasoning of the Ninth District in *In re G.E.S.*, and found that, “unlike the classification of an adult sexual offender, which occurs by operation of law and is based solely on the underlying offense, the classification of a juvenile sex offender is left to the sound discretion of the juvenile court”).

The Third District’s decision in *In re Smith* and the Ninth District’s opinion in *In re G.E.S.* have given rise to the emergence of two distinct and divergent classification schemes throughout juvenile courts in Ohio. (Brief, at pp. 10-14). The briefs filed in this case also illustrate why the answer to this underlying question is so vital to the consistent application of the law to Ohio’s youth.

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<sup>2</sup> *In re A.R.* has been accepted by this Court and is currently pending as Case No. 2009-0223.

<sup>3</sup> *In re Gant* has been accepted by this Court and is currently pending as Case No. 2008-2257.

<sup>4</sup> The Ohio Attorney General misstates the holding from *In re Adrian R.* in its Amicus Brief, when it notes that the Fifth District recognized that S.B. 10 grants juvenile courts with full discretion in determining tier level. (Brief of Amicus Curiae, Ohio Attorney General, pp. 1,7). The “discretion” issue before the Fifth District Court of Appeals, in *In re Adrian R.* was whether the Licking County Juvenile Court understood that Adrian R. was a *discretionary* registrant, only eligible to be classified under R.C. 2152.83(B)(1), rather than a mandatory registrant subject to classification under R.C. 2152.83(A). *In re Adrian R.*, at ¶17. The Fifth District’s use of the word “discretion” can be further illustrated in *In re P.M.*, when the Fifth followed its holding in *In re Adrian R.* and found that S.B. 10 leaves little, if any, discretion in determining tier level. *In re P.M.*, at ¶14. *In re Adrian R.* has been accepted by this Court and is currently pending as Case No. 2009-0189.

The entities charged with prosecuting juvenile adjudications in Ohio come to two different conclusions regarding the issue of discretion. The Ohio Attorney General—the chief law enforcement officer for the state—asserts that the definitions found in R.C. 2950.01(E), (F), and (G), coupled with the plain language of R.C. 2152.82 and 2152.83, clearly give juvenile courts discretion in classifying juvenile offender registrants into a particular tier. (Brief of Amicus Curiae, Ohio Attorney General, at pp. 2-5). The Attorney General notes that, following a juvenile court’s determination that an age-eligible, discretionary registrant is a juvenile offender registrant under R.C. 2152.83(A) and (D), juvenile courts are required to conduct a hearing “under [R.C. 2152.831] to determine whether the child is a tier I sex offender/child-victim offender, a tier II sex offender/child-victim offender, or a tier III sex offender/child victim offender.” (Brief of Amicus Curiae, Ohio Attorney General, at p. 5, citing R.C. 2152.82(B), 2152.83(A)(2), 2152.83(C)(1), and 2152.831(A).

However, while the State of Ohio agrees that there is a problem with the provisions of S.B. 10 as applied to juveniles, the State disagrees with the Attorney General’s view on the issue of discretion. (Answer, at p. 27). Early in its brief the State avers that, though R.C. 2950.01(E), (F), and (G) may indicate that juvenile courts have discretion in determining tier level, S.B. 10 as a whole is unclear as to whether a juvenile court maintains *full discretion* to determine a juvenile offender registrant’s tier level. (Answer, at p. 27).<sup>5</sup> (Emphasis added.) The State asserts that the plain language of R.C. 2152.831 contains “no statement that it is in

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<sup>5</sup> While the State maintains that S.B. 10 provides a court with no guidance to determine tier levels, the State attempts to undermine Darian’s claim that his classification as a Tier III juvenile offender registrant was solely offense-based, by arguing that “the trial court was required to comply with R.C. 2152.83(B) and consider the factors in R.C. 2152.83(E) under the former law. These factors remain in R.C. 2152.83, under a different subsection. R.C. 2152.83(D). Therefore, Appellant was not classified based solely on his underlying offense.” (Answer, at p. 30). It is unclear whether the State relates these factors to determining tier level, or limits their consideration to a juvenile court’s determination that a child is a juvenile offender registrant.

the court's discretion as to what Tier to place the child in, or any standards on how to determine [to] which Tier a child should be placed." (Answer, at p. 27).

In its brief, the Ohio Attorney General's Office admits that it may be credited with causing some of the confusion as to whether juvenile courts have discretion to determine tier level. (Brief of Amicus Curiae, Ohio Attorney General, at p. 11). In addition to training juvenile courts and judges throughout Ohio on how to accurately apply the new juvenile sex offender registration and notification provisions, the Attorney General created a document which specifically stated that juvenile courts were *without* discretion to determine tier level under S.B. 10. (Brief of Amicus Curiae, Ohio Attorney General, at p. 11). (Emphasis added.) However, the Attorney General has since deemed this interpretation incorrect, and declared that "the relevant code provisions unmistakably afford discretion to the juvenile courts when fixing tier classifications for juveniles;" and that "a discretionary construction is consistent with the overall structure and purpose of the juvenile justice system." (Brief of Amicus Curiae, Ohio Attorney General, at p. 12). On this point, Darian and the Attorney General agree.

If this Court adopts the reasoning of the Ninth District Court of Appeals in *In re G.E.S.*, and finds that juvenile courts retain discretion in determining tier level for juvenile offender registrants, such a finding would not only be consistent with a plain reading of the statute, but would also be more aligned with the purpose of the juvenile justice system, which this Court has recognized for more than forty years, that the juvenile justice system stands as,

[A] monument to the enlightened conviction that wayward boys may become good men and that society should make every effort to avoid their being attained as criminal before growing to the full measure of adult responsibility. Its existence, together with the substantive provisions of the Juvenile Code, reflects the considered opinion of society that childish pranks and other youthful indiscretions, as well as graver offenses, should seldom warrant adult sanctions and that the *decided emphasis should be upon individual, corrective treatment.*

*State v. Agler* (1969), 19 Ohio St.2d 70, 71, 249 N.E.2d 808. (Emphasis added.) If this Court were to find that juvenile courts retain discretion in determining a juvenile offender registrant's tier level under S.B. 10, it would empower juvenile courts to make sound determinations as to whether each youth subject to classification as a juvenile offender registrant had progressed in treatment, had been successfully rehabilitated, and deserved a classification that accurately reflects whether that youth is likely to reoffend in the future. (Brief, at pp. 17). Such discretion would have been well-warranted in Darian's case, as the record indicates that he had successfully completed treatment, had not committed any new sex offenses, and was found by the juvenile court to be the lowest classification level for a juvenile offender registrant. (Aug. 1, 2007; T.p. 5).

Additionally, if this Court adopts the reasoning of the Ninth District in *In re G.E.S.*, and holds that juvenile courts have discretion in determining a juvenile offender registrant's tier level, then Darian's classification must be vacated, because the record demonstrates that the Allen County Juvenile Court did not know that it could exercise discretion in determining Darian's tier level. (Aug. 1, 2007; T.p. 5). This Court's finding will not only affect Darian. This Court has already held several juvenile cases for the decision in this case. See *In re G.E.S.*, pending as Case No. 2008-1926; *In re Gant*, pending as Case No. 2008-2257; *In re T.C.H.*, pending as Case No. 2009-0243; *In re A.R.*, pending as Case No. 2009-0223; and *In re Adrian R.*, pending as Case No. 2009-0189. Each appeal involves similar constitutional challenges to S.B. 10, based on the offense-based classifications of the youth involved. But these youth are not uniquely situated. S.B. 10 governs the registration procedures for all youth who committed sexually oriented offenses on or after January 1, 2002, and who were fourteen, fifteen, sixteen, or seventeen years of age at the time of their offense. R.C. 2152.82, 2152.83, 2152.86. The Attorney General supplied many juvenile courts with information that directed

the courts to classify youth according to their offense. (Brief of Amicus Curiae, Ohio Attorney General, pp. 11-12). Thus, hundreds of Ohio's children have been given offense-based classifications or reclassifications under S.B. 10. And while not all of those youth were classified through the same mechanism (some received dual hearings, some were reclassified by letter, and some were classified at an initial classification hearing), the remedy proposed herein would apply equally to all juvenile offenders who were given offense-based classifications.

Senate Bill 10 requires that all registration-eligible youth like Darian, who were classified between July 1, 2007 and December 31, 2007, be given dual hearings, in which the court was required to classify them under Ohio's pre-S.B. 10 ("JSORN") provisions and S.B. 10's provisions, which went into effect on January 1, 2008. R.C. 2950.032(C)(1)-(3). While the exact number of Ohio's youth who were given an offense-based classification at a dual hearing held between July 1, 2007 and December 31, 2007 is unknown, it is clear that all dual hearings which occurred throughout Ohio's eighty-eight counties took place prior to the Ninth District Court of Appeals decision in *In re G.E.S.* on August 13, 2008. As Darian argued in his Merit Brief, the Ninth District was the first appellate court to find that juvenile courts had discretion in determining tier levels. (Brief, at pp. 12-13). And, as Ohio courts were trained to view S.B. 10 classifications as offense-based, it is likely that none of these youth were classified with the juvenile court conducting a case-by-case determination of tier level. Instead, all of these youth were classified under what was then believed to be a purely offense-based classification scheme. This Court must not only vacate Darian's Tier III classification, but must also issue an order vacating all offense-based classifications that other similarly situated youth received at their dual hearings held between July 1, 2007 and December 31, 2007.

In addition to the dual hearing youth, S.B. 10 also requires that youth receiving initial classification hearings on or after January 1, 2008 be classified under S.B. 10's new provisions.

R.C. 2152.82 and 2152.83. Again, given that no appellate district prior to the Ninth District's decision in *In re G.E.S.* found that juvenile courts had discretion in determining tier level, it is likely that most, if not all of these youth also received offense-based classifications at their post-January 1, 2008 classification hearings. Should this Court vacate Darian's classification because it was based solely on his offense—without the discretion that three appellate districts have since found exists in S.B. 10—this Court should also vacate all offense-based classifications that were imposed at any post-January 1, 2008 classification hearing held on or after January 1, 2008.

The last category of youth affected are those who had valid classifications under Ohio's previous JSORN provisions, prior to January 1, 2008. These youth were reclassified by the Ohio Attorney General by letter, based solely on their offense. R.C. 2950.031 and 2950.032. Notwithstanding, in its brief, the Ohio Attorney General now states that the description of the juvenile tier levels created by S.B. 10 verify that tiers are to be “discretionary as to juveniles,” and that,

[T]he General Assembly did not intend to apply these provisions to the juvenile classification system because it did not use the well-established nomenclature of the juvenile justice system. In Ohio, ‘children are not found guilty’ of a crime; rather, ‘they are adjudicated delinquent.’ *State v. Henning* (2000), 89 Ohio St. 3d 86, 89. The General Assembly's deliberate use of phrases like ‘convicted of’ and ‘pleads guilty to’ in R.C. 2950.01 shows its intent to confine the automatic matching of specific offenses to a particular tier to *adult* sex offenders. See *In re C.S.*, 9<sup>th</sup> Dist. No. 08-CA-0050, 2009-Ohio-1298, at ¶7.

(Brief of Amicus Curiae, Ohio Attorney General, at pp. 9-11). If the Attorney General's analysis is true, and if this Court agrees, then it follows that all offense-based reclassifications of juvenile offender registrants under S.B. 10 undermine the intent of the General Assembly and the principles of juvenile justice in Ohio. As such, this Court must also vacate the offense-based reclassifications of juveniles who were reclassified by the Ohio Attorney General by letter.

Though the remedy requested may be far-reaching, this Court has not hesitated in the past to announce broad remedial measures to rectify the effects of a problematic statute. See *State v. Foster*, 109 Ohio St. 3d 1, 2006-Ohio-856, ¶104 (after finding Ohio’s felony sentencing statutes unconstitutional, this Court ordered that instant cases and those pending for review be remanded to trial courts for new sentencing hearings not inconsistent with this Court’s opinion, noting that despite the expense of time and resources, the dictates of the United States Supreme Court must be followed). Thus, Darian respectfully requests that this Court vacate his offense-based classification and the classifications of the other youth in Ohio who were classified or reclassified based solely on their offense(s).<sup>6</sup>

The State claims that Darian did not file any appeal regarding the trial court “misapplying the Adam Walsh Act.” (Answer, at pp. 25, 27). However, Darian notes that in his appeal to the Third District Court of Appeals, he argued that his offense-based classification as a Tier III juvenile offender registrant under S.B. 10 was unconstitutional. *In re Smith*, at ¶24-31. And the Third District expressly found that S.B. 10 removed a juvenile court’s discretion in determining a juvenile offender registrant’s classification level. *Id.* at ¶31. Thus, this issue of whether the Allen County Juvenile Court had discretion to determine Darian’s tier level is properly before this Court.

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<sup>6</sup> Though there may be many youth who did not file timely appeals of their classification, Darian includes in his request youth who do not currently have appeals pending, as they may not have been represented by counsel, and as the Attorney General has admitted that the document it disseminated informed juvenile courts, counsel, and court personnel that courts were without discretion to determine tier levels under the new law. (Brief of Amicus Curiae, Ohio Attorney General, at pp. 11-12).

## PROPOSITION OF LAW I

**The application of S.B. 10 to persons who committed their offenses prior to the enactment of the Senate Bill violates the Ex Post Facto Clauses of the United States Constitution. Article I, Section 10 of the United States Constitution.**

## PROPOSITION OF LAW II

**The application of S.B. 10 to persons who committed their offense prior to the enactment of S.B. 10 violates the Retroactivity Clause of the Ohio Constitution. Article II, Section 28 of the Ohio Constitution.**

In response to Darian's Proposition of Law I and Proposition of Law II, the State argues that S.B. 10's changes to JSORN are "less restrictive" than the statutes at issue in *State v. Cook* (1998), 83 Ohio St.3d 404, and as such, S.B. 10 does not violate the Ex Post Facto Clause of the United States Constitution or the Retroactivity Clause of the Ohio Constitution. (Answer, at pp. 28, 31). However, the State fails to respond to Darian's argument that Ohio's current version of JSORN imposes additional duties, burdens, and restrictions than Ohio's previous version by requiring him to register in multiple counties, multiple times (depending on his movement through the State), and to provide authorities with more information than what was previously required before S.B. 10's enactment. R.C. 2950.01-2950.11.

The State asserts that the main changes enacted in S.B. 10 were to get rid of the labels of habitual sexual offender and sexual predator. (Answer, at p. 29). However, the State fails to address the fact that S.B. 10 specifically changed Darian's classification from the lowest juvenile sex offender level available to the highest, which was formerly reserved for sexual predators, based solely on his offense. *In re Smith*, at ¶31. S.B. 10 has done much more than simply change the name of Darian's classification; it has drastically increased Darian's reporting requirements from annually for ten years to every 90 days until his death. (Brief, at p.2).

The State asserts that Darian was not classified based solely on his offense, because the factors contained in former R.C. 2152.83(E) are now found in 2152.83(D). (Answer, at p. 30). However, this claim is in direct contradiction to what is actually shown in the record of this case: that the Allen County Juvenile Court informed Darian specifically that it had no choice but to classify him as Tier III juvenile offender registrant under the new law. (Aug. 1 2007; T.p. 5). And the Third District affirmed this finding. *In re Smith*, at ¶31. Further, the factors contained in R.C. 2152.83(D) are for the juvenile court to determine whether a youth should be classified as a juvenile offender registrant at all, not to determine a juvenile offender registrant's tier level.

Finally, the State argues that the provisions governing a juvenile's reclassification or declassification under R.C. 2152.84 and 2152.85 dispose of Darian's claims that his lifetime registration duties are unconstitutional. (Answer, at p. 30). However, the fact that S.B. 10 provides juveniles with the opportunity to apply to have their classification level lowered or removed does not make an initial offense-based classification constitutional. And, while the provisions of R.C. 2152.84 and 2152.85 give Darian the opportunity to have his classification lowered or removed, the statutes do not guarantee that he will receive a lower classification or be taken off the register completely.

### **PROPOSITION OF LAW III**

**The application of S.B. 10 violates the United States Constitution's prohibition against cruel and unusual punishments. Eighth Amendment to the United States Constitution.**

The State argues that S.B. 10 does not violate the Eighth Amendment because the penalties in S.B. 10 are civil in nature, not meant to be punishment, able to be lessened or terminated, and apply to all juvenile sex offenders who receive Tier III classifications. (Answer, at p. 34). However, the State gives no more than blanket assertions in support of its claims.

As to the issue of whether S.B. 10 was “meant to be punishment,” Darian has highlighted the fact that simply because a legislature intends for a law to operate as a remedial measure, the statute still fails to meet constitutional muster if it has a “punitive effect so as to negate a declared remedial intention.” *Allen v. Illinois* (1985), 478 U.S. 364, 369. And, the provisions of the offense-based application of S.B. 10 to Darian are analogous to traditional forms of punishment, create affirmative disabilities and restraints, promote the traditional aims of punishment, are not rationally related to a non-punitive purpose, and are excessive in relation to the non-punitive purpose stated by Ohio’s legislature. (Brief, at pp. 19-21).

Further, the provisions of S.B. 10 have taken Ohio’s previously narrowly tailored, risk-based classification system and transformed it from a purely civil remedy to a criminal consequence that attaches upon a finding of guilt. (Brief, at pp. 20, 21 citing the dissents in *State v. Wilson*, 113 Ohio St.3d 382, 2007-Ohio-2202, ¶45; and *State v. Ferguson*, 120 Ohio St.3d 7, 2008-Ohio-4824, ¶46-47).

Darian’s claims regarding S.B. 10’s constitutionality affect not only his own classification, but would also affect the classification of all other juveniles who were classified based solely on their offense. As such, the State’s claims that all Tier III juvenile offender registrants will have to comply with the same reporting requirements as Darian resolves no part of Darian’s claim that his offense-based classification was cruel and unusual.

**PROPOSITION OF LAW IV**

**A juvenile court has no authority to classify a juvenile, adjudicated delinquent for a sex offense, as a juvenile sex offender registrant when the statutory provisions governing such a hearing were repealed at the time in which the hearing was conducted.**

Darian rests on the arguments contained in Proposition of Law IV as raised in his Merit Brief.

**CONCLUSION**

For the above-stated reasons, Darian respectfully requests that this Court find that his offense-based classification as a Tier III juvenile offender registrant is unconstitutional. However, if this Court finds that juvenile courts maintain discretion in determining tier level under S.B. 10, Darian requests that this Court vacate his classification and remand his case for a hearing consistent with this Court's opinion. Further, as hundreds of Ohio youth have been classified under an offense-based application of S.B. 10, Darian respectfully requests that this Court vacate all offense-based juvenile classifications and remand those cases for hearings consistent with this opinion.

Respectfully submitted,

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§ 2152.82. Classification of child as juvenile offender registrant; compliance with sex offender registration and notification law; determination of tier classification

(A) The court that adjudicates a child a delinquent child shall issue as part of the dispositional order an order that classifies the child a juvenile offender registrant and specifies that the child has a duty to comply with *sections 2950.04, 2950.041 [2950.04.1], 2950.05, and 2950.06 of the Revised Code* if all of the following apply:

(1) The act for which the child is adjudicated a delinquent child is a sexually oriented offense or a child-victim oriented offense that the child committed on or after January 1, 2002.

(2) The child was fourteen, fifteen, sixteen, or seventeen years of age at the time of committing the offense.

(3) The court has determined that the child previously was adjudicated a delinquent child for committing any sexually oriented offense or child-victim oriented offense, regardless of when the prior offense was committed and regardless of the child's age at the time of committing the offense.

(4) The court is not required to classify the child as both a juvenile offender registrant and a public registry-qualified juvenile offender registrant under *section 2152.86 of the Revised Code*.

(B) An order required under division (A) of this section shall be issued at the time the judge makes the order of disposition for the delinquent child. Prior to issuing the order required by division (A) of this section, the judge shall conduct a hearing under *section 2152.831 [2152.83.1] of the Revised Code* to determine whether the child is a tier I sex offender/child-victim offender, a tier II sex offender/child-victim offender, or a tier III sex offender/child-victim offender. If the court determines that the delinquent child to whom the order applies is a tier III sex offender/child-victim offender and the child is not a public registry-qualified juvenile offender registrant, the judge may impose a requirement subjecting the child to the victim and community notification provisions of *sections 2950.10 and 2950.11 of the Revised Code*. When a judge issues an order under division (A) of this section, all of the following apply:

(1) The judge shall include in the order a statement that, upon completion of the disposition of the delinquent child that was made for the sexually oriented offense or child-victim oriented offense upon which the order is based, a hearing will be conducted, and the order and any determinations included in the order are subject to modification or termination pursuant to *sections 2152.84 and 2152.85 of the Revised Code*.

(2) The judge shall provide to the delinquent child and to the delinquent child's parent, guardian, or custodian the notice required under divisions (A) and (B) of *section 2950.03 of the Revised Code* and shall provide as part of that notice a copy of the order.

(3) The judge shall include the order in the delinquent child's dispositional order and shall specify in the dispositional order that the order issued under division (A) of this section was made pursuant to this section.

(4) If the court determines that the delinquent child to whom the order applies is a tier III sex offender/child-victim offender, if the child is not a public registry-qualified juvenile offender registrant, and if the judge imposes a requirement subjecting the child to the victim and community notification provisions of *sections 2950.10 and 2950.11 of the Revised Code*, the judge shall include the requirement in the order.

(5) The court shall include in the order its determination made at the hearing held under section 2151.831 [2151.83.1] of the Revised Code as to whether the delinquent child is a tier I sex offender/child-victim offender, a tier II sex offender/child-victim offender, or a tier III sex offender/child-victim offender.

(C) Except as provided in division (D) of this section, an order issued under division (A) of this section and any determinations included in the order shall remain in effect for the period of time specified in *section 2950.07 of the Revised Code*, subject to a modification or termination of the order under *section 2152.84 or 2152.85 of the Revised Code*, and *section 2152.851 [2152.85.1] of the Revised Code* applies regarding the order and the determinations. If an order is issued under division (A) of this section, the child's attainment of eighteen or twenty-one years of age does not affect or terminate the order, and the order remains in effect for the period of time described in this division.

(D) If a court issues an order under division (A) of this section before January 1, 2008, not later than February 1, 2008, the court shall terminate the order and issue a new order that reclassifies the child as both a juvenile offender registrant and a public registry-qualified juvenile offender registrant pursuant to *section 2152.86 of the Revised Code* if the court imposed on the child a serious youthful offender dispositional sentence under *section 2152.13 of the Revised Code* and if the act that was the basis of the classification of the delinquent child as a juvenile offender registrant and is the basis of the serious youthful offender dispositional sentence is any of the following:

(1) Committing, attempting to commit, conspiring to commit, or complicity in committing a violation of *section 2907.02 of the Revised Code*, division (B) of *section 2907.05 of the Revised Code*, or *section 2907.03 of the Revised Code* if the victim of the violation was less than twelve years of age;

(2) Committing, attempting to commit, conspiring to commit, or complicity in committing a violation of *section 2903.01, 2903.02, or 2905.01 of the Revised Code* that was committed with a purpose to gratify the sexual needs or desires of the child.

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§ 2152.83. Classification at time of disposition or release from secure facility; determination of tier classification

(A) (1) The court that adjudicates a child a delinquent child shall issue as part of the dispositional order or, if the court commits the child for the delinquent act to the custody of a secure facility, shall issue at the time of the child's release from the secure facility, an order that classifies the child a juvenile offender registrant and specifies that the child has a duty to comply with *sections 2950.04, 2950.041 [2950.04.1], 2950.05, and 2950.06 of the Revised Code* if all of the following apply:

(a) The act for which the child is or was adjudicated a delinquent child is a sexually oriented offense or a child-victim oriented offense that the child committed on or after January 1, 2002.

(b) The child was sixteen or seventeen years of age at the time of committing the offense.

(c) The court was not required to classify the child a juvenile offender registrant under *section 2152.82 of the Revised Code* or as both a juvenile offender registrant and a public registry-qualified juvenile offender registrant under *section 2152.86 of the Revised Code*.

(2) Prior to issuing the order required by division (A)(2) of this section, the judge shall conduct a hearing under *section 2152.831 [2152.83.1] of the Revised Code*, except as otherwise provided in that section, to determine whether the child is a tier I sex offender/child-victim offender, a tier II sex offender/child-victim offender, or a tier III sex offender/child-victim offender. When a judge issues an order under division (A)(1) of this section, the judge shall include in the order the determinations identified in division (B)(5) of *section 2152.82 of the Revised Code*.

(B) (1) The court that adjudicates a child a delinquent child, on the judge's own motion, may conduct at the time of disposition of the child or, if the court commits the child for the delinquent act to the custody of a secure facility, may conduct at the time of the child's release from the secure facility a hearing for the purposes described in division (B)(2) of this section if all of the following apply:

(a) The act for which the child is adjudicated a delinquent child is a sexually oriented offense or a child-victim oriented offense that the child committed on or after January 1, 2002.

(b) The child was fourteen or fifteen years of age at the time of committing the offense.

(c) The court was not required to classify the child a juvenile offender registrant under *section 2152.82 of the Revised Code* or as both a juvenile offender registrant and a public registry-qualified juvenile offender registrant under *section 2152.86 of the Revised Code*.

(2) A judge shall conduct a hearing under division (B)(1) of this section to review the effectiveness of the disposition made of the child and of any treatment provided for the child placed in a secure setting and to determine whether the child should be classified a juvenile offender registrant. The judge may conduct the hearing on the judge's own initiative or based upon a recommendation of an officer or employee of the department of youth services, a probation officer, an employee of the court, or a prosecutor or law enforcement officer. If the judge conducts the hearing, upon completion of the hearing, the judge, in the judge's discretion and after consideration of the factors listed in division (E) of this section, shall do either of the following:

(a) Decline to issue an order that classifies the child a juvenile offender registrant and specifies that the child has a duty to comply with *sections 2950.04, 2950.041 [2950.04.1], 2950.05, and 2950.06 of the Revised Code*;

(b) Issue an order that classifies the child a juvenile offender registrant and specifies that the child has a duty to comply with *sections 2950.04, 2950.041 [2950.04.1], 2950.05, and 2950.06 of the Revised Code* and that states the determination that the judge makes at the hearing held pursuant to *section 2152.831 [2152.83.1] of the Revised Code* as to whether the child is a tier I sex offender/child-victim offender, a tier II sex offender/child-victim offender, or a tier III sex offender/child-victim offender.

(C) (1) Prior to issuing an order under division (B)(2)(b) of this section, the judge shall conduct a hearing under *section 2152.831 [2152.83.1] of the Revised Code* to determine whether the child is a tier I sex offender/child-victim offender, a tier II sex offender/child-victim offender, or a tier III sex offender/child-victim offender. The judge may hold the hearing at the same time as the hearing under division (B) of this section.

(2) If a judge issues an order under division (A) or (B) of this section and the court determines that the delinquent child to whom the order applies is a tier III sex offender/child-victim offender and the child is not a public registry-qualified juvenile offender registrant, the judge may impose a requirement subjecting the child to the victim and community notification provisions of *sections 2950.10 and 2950.11 of the Revised Code*. If the judge imposes a requirement subjecting the child to the victim and community notification provisions of *sections 2950.10 and 2950.11 of the Revised Code*, the judge shall include the requirement in the order.

(3) If a judge issues an order under division (A) or (B) of this section, the judge shall provide to the delinquent child and to the delinquent child's parent, guardian, or custodian a copy of the order and a notice containing the information described in divisions (A) and (B) of *section 2950.03 of the Revised Code*. The judge shall provide the notice at the time of the issuance of the order and shall comply with divisions (B) and (C) of that section regarding that notice and the provision of it.

The judge also shall include in the order a statement that, upon completion of the disposition of the delinquent child that was made for the sexually oriented offense or child-victim oriented offense upon which the order is based, a hearing will be conducted and the order is subject to modification or termination pursuant to *section 2152.84 of the Revised Code*.

(D) In making a decision under division (B) of this section as to whether a delinquent child should be classified a juvenile offender registrant, a judge shall consider all relevant factors, including, but not limited to, all of the following:

- (1) The nature of the sexually oriented offense or the child-victim oriented offense committed by the child;
- (2) Whether the child has shown any genuine remorse or compunction for the offense;
- (3) The public interest and safety;

(4) The factors set forth in division (K) of *section 2950.11 of the Revised Code*, provided that references in the factors as set forth in that division to "the offender" shall be construed for purposes of this division to be references to "the delinquent child;"

(5) The factors set forth in divisions (B) and (C) of *section 2929.12 of the Revised Code* as those factors apply regarding the delinquent child, the offense, and the victim;

- (6) The results of any treatment provided to the child and of any follow-up professional assessment of the child.

(E) An order issued under division (A) or (B) of this section and any determinations included in the order shall remain in effect for the period of time specified in *section 2950.07 of the Revised Code*, subject to a modification or termination of the order under *section 2152.84 of the Revised Code*, and *section 2152.851 [2152.85.1] of the Revised Code*

applies regarding the order and the determinations. The child's attainment of eighteen or twenty-one years of age does not affect or terminate the order, and the order remains in effect for the period of time described in this division.

(F) If a court issues an order under division (A) or (B) of this section before January 1, 2008, not later than February 1, 2008, the court shall terminate the order and issue a new order that reclassifies the child as both a juvenile offender registrant and a public registry-qualified juvenile offender registrant pursuant to *section 2152.86 of the Revised Code* if the court imposed on the child a serious youthful offender dispositional sentence under *section 2152.13 of the Revised Code* and if the act that was the basis of the classification of the delinquent child as a juvenile offender registrant and is the basis of the serious youthful offender dispositional sentence is any of the following:

(1) Committing, attempting to commit, conspiring to commit, or complicity in committing a violation of *section 2907.02 of the Revised Code*, division (B) of *section 2907.05 of the Revised Code*, or *section 2907.03 of the Revised Code* if the victim of the violation was less than twelve years of age;

(2) Committing, attempting to commit, conspiring to commit, or complicity in committing a violation of *section 2903.01, 2903.02, or 2905.01 of the Revised Code* that was committed with a purpose to gratify the sexual needs or desires of the child.

(G) As used in this section, "secure facility" has the same meaning as in *section 2950.01 of the Revised Code*.

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§ 2152.831. Hearing to determine tier classification; order; reclassification

(A) If, on or after January 1, 2008, a juvenile court adjudicates a child a delinquent child and classifies the child a juvenile offender registrant pursuant to *section 2152.82 or 2152.83 of the Revised Code*, before issuing the order that classifies the child a juvenile offender registrant the court shall conduct a hearing to determine whether to classify the child a tier I sex offender/child-victim offender, a tier II sex offender/child-victim offender, or a tier III sex offender/ child-victim offender.

(B) When a judge issues an order under *section 2152.82 or 2152.83 of the Revised Code* that classifies a delinquent child a juvenile offender registrant, in addition to the other statements and information required by the section under which the order is issued, the judge shall include in the order its determination made under division (A) of this section as to whether the child is a tier I sex offender/child-victim offender, a tier II sex offender/child-victim offender, or a tier III sex offender/child-victim offender. When a judge issues an order under *section 2152.84 or 2152.85 of the Revised Code* that reclassifies a delinquent child from one tier of sex offender/child-victim offender to a different tier of sex offender/child-victim offender, in addition to the other statements and information required by the section under which the order is issued, the judge shall include in the order its determination as to the reclassification of the child and the tier to which the child is reclassified.

(C) The provisions of this section do not apply to a delinquent child if the court is required to classify the child as both a juvenile offender registrant and a public registry-qualified juvenile offender registrant pursuant to *section 2152.86 of the Revised Code*.

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§ 2152.84. Hearing upon completion of disposition on whether to continue classification or determination; reclassification

(A) (1) When a juvenile court judge issues an order under section 2152.82 or division (A) or (B) of *section 2152.83 of the Revised Code* that classifies a delinquent child a juvenile offender registrant and specifies that the child has a duty to comply with *sections 2950.04, 2950.041 [2950.04.1], 2950.05, and 2950.06 of the Revised Code*, upon completion of the disposition of that child made for the sexually oriented offense or the child-victim oriented offense on which the juvenile offender registrant order was based, the judge or the judge's successor in office shall conduct a hearing to review the effectiveness of the disposition and of any treatment provided for the child, to determine the risks that the child might re-offend, to determine whether the prior classification of the child as a juvenile offender registrant should be continued or terminated as provided under division (A)(2) of this section, and to determine whether its prior determination made at the hearing held pursuant to *section 2152.831 [2152.83.1] of the Revised Code* as to whether the child is a tier I sex offender/child-victim offender, a tier II sex offender/child-victim offender, or a tier III sex offender/child-victim offender should be continued or modified as provided under division (A)(2) of this section.

(2) Upon completion of a hearing under division (A)(1) of this section, the judge, in the judge's discretion and after consideration of all relevant factors, including but not limited to, the factors listed in division (D) of *section 2152.83 of the Revised Code*, shall do one of the following as applicable:

(a) Enter an order that continues the classification of the delinquent child as a juvenile offender registrant made in the prior order issued under section 2152.82 or division (A) or (B) of *section 2152.83 of the Revised Code* and the prior determination included in the order that the child is a tier I sex offender/child-victim offender, a tier II sex offender/child-victim offender, or a tier III sex offender/child-victim offender, whichever is applicable;

(b) If the prior order was issued under division (B) of *section 2152.83 of the Revised Code*, enter an order that contains a determination that the delinquent child no longer is a juvenile offender registrant and no longer has a duty to comply with *sections 2950.04, 2950.041 [2950.04.1], 2950.05, and 2950.06 of the Revised Code*. An order issued under division (A)(2)(b) of this section also terminates all prior determinations that the child is a tier I sex offender/child-victim offender, a tier II sex offender/child-victim offender, or a tier III sex offender/child-victim offender, whichever is applicable. Division (A)(2)(b) of this section does not apply to a prior order issued under section 2152.82 or division (A) of *section 2152.83 of the Revised Code*.

(c) If the prior order was issued under section 2152.82 or division (A) or (B) of *section 2152.83 of the Revised Code*, enter an order that continues the classification of the delinquent child as a juvenile offender registrant made in the prior order issued under section 2152.82 or division (A) or (B) of *section 2152.83 of the Revised Code*, and that modi-

ifies the prior determination made at the hearing held pursuant to *section 2152.831 [2152.83.1] of the Revised Code* that the child is a tier I sex offender/child-victim offender, a tier II sex offender/child-victim offender, or a tier III sex offender/child-victim offender, whichever is applicable. An order issued under division (A)(2)(c) of this section shall not include a determination that increases to a higher tier the tier classification of the delinquent child. An order issued under division (A)(2)(c) of this section shall specify the new determination made by the court at a hearing held pursuant to division (A)(1) of this section as to whether the child is a tier I sex offender/child-victim offender, a tier II sex offender/child-victim offender, or a tier III sex offender/child-victim offender, whichever is applicable.

(B) (1) If a judge issues an order under division (A)(2)(a) of this section that continues the prior classification of the delinquent child as a juvenile offender registrant and the prior determination included in the order that the child is a tier I sex offender/child-victim offender, a tier II sex offender/child-victim offender, or a tier III sex offender/child-victim offender, whichever is applicable, the prior classification and the prior determination shall remain in effect.

(2) A judge may issue an order under division (A)(2)(c) of this section that contains a determination that reclassifies a child from a tier III sex offender/child-victim offender classification to a tier II sex offender/child-victim offender classification or to a tier I sex offender/child-victim offender classification.

A judge may issue an order under division (A)(2)(c) of this section that contains a determination that reclassifies a child from a tier II sex offender/child-victim offender classification. A judge may not issue an order under that division that contains a determination that reclassifies a child from a tier II sex offender/child-victim offender classification to a tier III sex offender/child-victim offender classification.

A judge may not issue an order under division (A)(2)(c) of this section that contains a determination that reclassifies a child from a tier I sex offender/child-victim offender classification to a tier II sex offender/child-victim offender classification or to a tier III sex offender/child-victim offender classification.

If a judge issues an order under this division that contains a determination that reclassifies a child, the judge shall provide a copy of the order to the delinquent child and the bureau of criminal identification and investigation, and the bureau, upon receipt of the copy of the order, promptly shall notify the sheriff with whom the child most recently registered under *section 2950.04 or 2950.041 [2950.04.1] of the Revised Code* of the determination and reclassification.

(3) If a judge issues an order under division (A)(2)(b) of this section that declassifies the delinquent child as a juvenile offender registrant, the judge shall provide a copy of the order to the bureau of criminal identification and investigation, and the bureau, upon receipt of the copy of the order, promptly shall notify the sheriff with whom the child most recently registered under *section 2950.04 or 2950.041 [2950.04.1] of the Revised Code* of the declassification.

(C) If a judge issues an order under division (A)(2)(a), (b), or (c) of this section, the judge shall provide to the delinquent child and to the delinquent child's parent, guardian, or custodian a copy of the order and, if applicable, a notice containing the information described in divisions (A) and (B) of *section 2950.03 of the Revised Code*. The judge shall provide the notice at the time of the issuance of the order and shall comply with divisions (B) and (C) of that section regarding that notice and the provision of it.

(D) An order issued under division (A)(2)(a) or (c) of this section and any determinations included in the order shall remain in effect for the period of time specified in *section 2950.07 of the Revised Code*, subject to a modification or termination of the order under *section 2152.85 of the Revised Code*, and *section 2152.851 [2152.85.1] of the Revised Code* applies regarding the order and the determinations. If an order is issued under division (A)(2)(a) or (c) of this section, the child's attainment of eighteen or twenty-one years of age does not affect or terminate the order, and the order remains in effect for the period of time described in this division.

(E) The provisions of this section do not apply to a delinquent child who is classified as both a juvenile offender registrant and a public registry-qualified juvenile offender registrant pursuant to *section 2152.86 of the Revised Code*.

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§ 2152.85. Petition requesting reclassification or declassification

(A) Regardless of when the delinquent child was classified a juvenile offender registrant, upon the expiration of the applicable period of time specified in division (B)(1), (2), or (3) of this section, a delinquent child who has been classified pursuant to this section or *section 2152.82 or 2152.83 of the Revised Code* a juvenile offender registrant may petition the judge who made the classification, or that judge's successor in office, to do one of the following:

(1) If the order containing the juvenile offender registrant classification also includes a determination by the juvenile court judge that the delinquent child is a tier III sex offender/child-victim offender, to enter, as applicable, an order that contains a determination that reclassifies the child as either a tier II sex offender/child-victim offender or a tier I sex offender/child-victim offender, the reason or reasons for that reclassification, and a determination that the child remains a juvenile offender registrant, or an order that contains a determination that the child no longer is a juvenile offender registrant and no longer has a duty to comply with *sections 2950.04, 2950.041 [2950.04.1], 2950.05, and 2950.06 of the Revised Code*;

(2) If the order containing the juvenile offender registrant classification also includes a determination by the juvenile court judge that the delinquent child is a tier II sex offender/child-victim offender, to enter, as applicable, an order that contains a determination that reclassifies the child as a tier I sex offender/child-victim offender, the reason or reasons for that reclassification, and a determination that the child remains a juvenile offender registrant, or an order that contains a determination that the child no longer is a juvenile offender registrant and no longer has a duty to comply with *sections 2950.04, 2950.041 [2950.04.1], 2950.05, and 2950.06 of the Revised Code*;

(3) If the order containing the juvenile offender registrant classification also includes a determination by the juvenile court judge that the delinquent child is a tier I sex offender/child-victim offender, to enter an order that contains a determination that the child no longer is a juvenile offender registrant and no longer has a duty to comply with *sections 2950.04, 2950.041 [2950.04.1], 2950.05, and 2950.06 of the Revised Code*.

(B) A delinquent child who has been adjudicated a delinquent child for committing on or after January 1, 2002, a sexually oriented offense or a child-victim oriented offense and who has been classified a juvenile offender registrant relative to that offense may file a petition under division (A) of this section requesting reclassification or declassification as described in that division after the expiration of one of the following periods of time:

(1) The delinquent child initially may file a petition not earlier than three years after the entry of the juvenile court judge's order after the mandatory hearing conducted under *section 2152.84 of the Revised Code*.

(2) After the delinquent child's initial filing of a petition under division (B)(1) of this section, the child may file a second petition not earlier than three years after the judge has entered an order deciding the petition under division (B)(1) of this section.

(3) After the delinquent child's filing of a petition under division (B)(2) of this section, thereafter, the delinquent child may file a petition under this division upon the expiration of five years after the judge has entered an order deciding the petition under division (B)(2) of this section or the most recent petition the delinquent child has filed under this division.

(C) Upon the filing of a petition under division (A) of this section, the judge may review the prior classification or determination in question and, upon consideration of all relevant factors and information, including, but not limited to the factors listed in division (D) of *section 2152.83 of the Revised Code*, the judge, in the judge's discretion, shall do one of the following:

- (1) Enter an order denying the petition;
- (2) Issue an order that reclassifies or declassifies the delinquent child in the requested manner.

(D) If a judge issues an order under division (C)(1) of this section that denies a petition, the prior classification of the delinquent child as a juvenile offender registrant, and the prior determination that the child is a tier I sex offender/child-victim offender, a tier II sex offender/child-victim offender, or a tier III sex offender/child-victim offender, whichever is applicable, shall remain in effect.

A judge may issue an order under division (C)(2) of this section that contains a determination that reclassifies a child from a tier III sex offender/child-victim offender classification to a tier II sex offender/child-victim offender classification or to a tier I sex offender/child-victim offender classification.

A judge may issue an order under division (C)(2) of this section that contains a determination that reclassifies a child from a tier II sex offender/child-victim offender classification to a tier I sex offender/child-victim offender classification.

If a judge issues an order under this division that contains a determination that reclassifies a child, the judge shall provide a copy of the order to the delinquent child and the bureau of criminal identification and investigation, and the bureau, upon receipt of the copy of the order, promptly shall notify the sheriff with whom the child most recently registered under *section 2950.04 or 2950.041 [2950.04.1] of the Revised Code* of the determination and reclassification.

If a judge issues an order under division (C)(2) of this section that declassifies the delinquent child, the order also terminates all prior determinations that the child is a tier I sex offender/child-victim offender, a tier II sex offender/child-victim offender, or a tier III sex offender/child-victim offender, whichever is applicable. If a judge issues an order under division (C)(2) of this section that declassifies the delinquent child, the judge shall provide a copy of the order to the bureau of criminal identification and investigation, and the bureau, upon receipt of a copy of the order, promptly shall notify the sheriff with whom the child most recently registered under *section 2950.04 or 2950.041 [2950.04.1] of the Revised Code* of the declassification.

(E) If a judge issues an order under division (C)(1) or (2) of this section, the judge shall provide to the delinquent child and to the delinquent child's parent, guardian, or custodian a copy of the order and, if applicable, a notice containing the information described in divisions (A) and (B) of *section 2950.03 of the Revised Code*. The judge shall provide the notice at the time of the issuance of the order and shall comply with divisions (B) and (C) of that section regarding that notice and the provision of it.

(F) An order issued under division (C) of this section shall remain in effect for the period of time specified in *section 2950.07 of the Revised Code*, subject to a further modification or future termination of the order under this section. If an order is issued under division (C) of this section, the child's attainment of eighteen or twenty-one years of age does not affect or terminate the order, and the order remains in effect for the period of time described in this division.

(G) The provisions of this section do not apply to a delinquent child who is classified as both a juvenile offender registrant and a public registry-qualified juvenile offender registrant pursuant to *section 2152.86 of the Revised Code*.

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TITLE 21. COURTS -- PROBATE -- JUVENILE  
 CHAPTER 2152. DELINQUENT CHILDREN; JUVENILE TRAFFIC OFFENDERS  
 JUVENILE SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION AND NOTIFICATION LAW

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§ 2152.86. Court's duty on or after January 1, 2008 to classify child as juvenile offender registrant, specify compliance with SORN law, and additionally classify child as public registry-qualified juvenile offender registrant; reclassification

(A) (1) The court that, on or after January 1, 2008, adjudicates a child a delinquent child for committing an act shall issue as part of the dispositional order an order that classifies the child a juvenile offender registrant, specifies that the child has a duty to comply with *sections 2950.04, 2950.041 [2950.04.1], 2950.05, and 2950.06 of the Revised Code*, and additionally classifies the child a public registry-qualified juvenile offender registrant if the child was fourteen, fifteen, sixteen, or seventeen years of age at the time of committing the act, the court imposed on the child a serious youthful offender dispositional sentence under *section 2152.13 of the Revised Code*, and the child is adjudicated a delinquent child for committing, attempting to commit, conspiring to commit, or complicity in committing any of the following acts:

(a) A violation of *section 2907.02 of the Revised Code*, division (B) of *section 2907.05 of the Revised Code*, or *section 2907.03 of the Revised Code* if the victim of the violation was less than twelve years of age;

(b) A violation of *section 2903.01, 2903.02, or 2905.01 of the Revised Code* that was committed with a purpose to gratify the sexual needs or desires of the child.

(2) Upon a child's release, on or after January 1, 2008, from the department of youth services, the court shall issue an order that classifies the child a juvenile offender registrant, specifies that the child has a duty to comply with *sections 2950.04, 2950.041 [2950.04.1], 2950.05, and 2950.06 of the Revised Code*, and additionally classifies the child a public registry-qualified juvenile offender registrant if all of the following apply:

(a) The child was adjudicated a delinquent child, and a juvenile court imposed on the child a serious youthful offender dispositional sentence under *section 2152.13 of the Revised Code* for committing one of the acts described in division (A)(1)(a) or (b) of this section.

(b) The child was fourteen, fifteen, sixteen, or seventeen years of age at the time of committing the act.

(c) The court did not issue an order classifying the child as both a juvenile offender registrant and a public registry-qualified juvenile offender registrant pursuant to division (A)(1) of this section.

(3) If a court issued an order classifying a child a juvenile offender registrant pursuant to *section 2152.82 or 2152.83 of the Revised Code* prior to January 1, 2008, not later than February 1, 2008, the court shall issue a new order that reclassifies the child as a juvenile offender registrant, specifies that the child has a duty to comply with *sections 2950.04, 2950.041 [2950.04.1], 2950.05, and 2950.06 of the Revised Code*, and additionally classifies the child a public registry-qualified juvenile offender registrant if all of the following apply:

(a) The sexually oriented offense that was the basis of the previous order that classified the child a juvenile offender registrant was an act described in division (A)(1)(a) or (b) of this section.

(b) The child was fourteen, fifteen, sixteen, or seventeen years of age at the time of committing the act.

(c) The court imposed on the child a serious youthful offender dispositional sentence under *section 2152.13 of the Revised Code* for the act described in division (A)(1)(a) or (b) of this section.

(B) (1) If an order is issued under division (A)(1), (2), or (3) of this section, the classification of tier III sex offender/child-victim offender automatically applies to the delinquent child based on the sexually oriented offense the child committed, subject to a possible reclassification pursuant to division (D) of this section for a child whose delinquent act was committed prior to January 1, 2008. If an order is issued under division (A)(2) of this section regarding a child whose delinquent act described in division (A)(1)(a) or (b) of this section was committed prior to January 1, 2008, or if an order is issued under division (A)(3) of this section regarding a delinquent child, the order shall inform the child and the child's parent, guardian, or custodian, that the child has a right to a hearing as described in division (D) of this section and inform the child and the child's parent, guardian, or custodian of the procedures for requesting the hearing and the period of time within which the request for the hearing must be made. *Section 2152.831 [2152.83.1] of the Revised Code* does not apply regarding an order issued under division (A)(1), (2), or (3) of this section.

(2) The judge that issues an order under division (A)(1), (2), or (3) of this section shall provide to the delinquent child who is the subject of the order and to the delinquent child's parent, guardian, or custodian the notice required under divisions (A) and (B) of *section 2950.03 of the Revised Code* and shall provide as part of that notice a copy of the order required under division (A)(1), (2), or (3) of this section. The judge shall include the order in the delinquent child's dispositional order and shall specify in the dispositional order that the order issued under division (A)(1), (2), or (3) of this section was made pursuant to this section.

(C) An order issued under division (A)(1), (2), or (3) of this section shall remain in effect for the period of time specified in *section 2950.07 of the Revised Code* as it exists on and after January 1, 2008, subject to a judicial termination of that period of time as provided in *section 2950.15 of the Revised Code*, subject to a possible reclassification of the child pursuant to division (D) of this section if the child's delinquent act was committed prior to January 1, 2008. If an order is issued under division (A)(1), (2), or (3) of this section, the child's attainment of eighteen or twenty-one years of age does not affect or terminate the order, and the order remains in effect for the period of time described in this division. If an order is issued under division (A)(3) of this section, the duty to comply with *sections 2950.04, 2950.041 [2950.04.1], 2950.05, and 2950.06 of the Revised Code* based upon that order shall be considered, for purposes of *section 2950.07 of the Revised Code* and for all other purposes, to be a continuation of the duty to comply with those sections imposed upon the child prior to January 1, 2008, under the order issued under *section 2152.82, 2152.83, 2152.84, or 2152.85 and Chapter 2950. of the Revised Code*.

(D) (1) If an order is issued under division (A)(2) of this section regarding a delinquent child whose delinquent act described in division (A)(1)(a) or (b) of this section was committed prior to January 1, 2008, or if an order is issued under division (A)(3) of this section regarding a delinquent child, except as otherwise provided in this division, the child may request as a matter of right a court hearing to contest the court's classification in the order of the child as a public registry-qualified juvenile offender registrant. To request the hearing, not later than the date that is sixty days after the delinquent child is provided with the copy of the order, the delinquent child shall file a petition with the juvenile court that issued the order.

If the delinquent child requests a hearing by timely filing a petition with the juvenile court, the delinquent child shall serve a copy of the petition on the prosecutor who handled the case in which the delinquent child was adjudicated a delinquent child for committing the sexually oriented offense or child-victim oriented offense that resulted in the delinquent child's registration duty under *section 2950.04 or 2950.041 [2950.04.1] of the Revised Code*. The prosecutor shall represent the interest of the state in the hearing. In any hearing under this division, the Rules of Juvenile Procedure apply except to the extent that those Rules would by their nature be clearly inapplicable. The court shall schedule a hearing and shall provide notice to the delinquent child and the delinquent child's parent, guardian, or custodian and to the prosecutor of the date, time, and place of the hearing.

If the delinquent child requests a hearing in accordance with this division, until the court issues its decision at or subsequent to the hearing, the delinquent child shall comply with Chapter 2950. of the Revised Code as it exists on and after January 1, 2008. If a delinquent child requests a hearing in accordance with this division, at the hearing, all parties are entitled to be heard, and the court shall consider all relevant information and testimony presented relative to the is-

sue of whether the child should be classified a public registry-qualified juvenile offender registrant. Notwithstanding the court's classification of the delinquent child as a public registry-qualified juvenile offender registrant, the court may terminate that classification if it determines by clear and convincing evidence that the classification is in error.

If the court decides to terminate the court's classification of the delinquent child as a public registry-qualified juvenile offender registrant, the court shall issue an order that specifies that it has determined that the child is not a public registry-qualified juvenile offender registrant and that it has terminated the court's classification of the delinquent child as a public registry-qualified juvenile offender registrant. The court promptly shall serve a copy of the order upon the sheriff with whom the delinquent child most recently registered under *section 2950.04* or *2950.041 [2950.04.1]* of the *Revised Code* and upon the bureau of criminal identification and investigation. The delinquent child and the prosecutor have the right to appeal the decision of the court issued under this division.

If the delinquent child fails to request a hearing in accordance with this division within the applicable sixty-day period specified in this division, the failure constitutes a waiver by the delinquent child of the delinquent child's right to a hearing under this division, and the delinquent child is bound by the court's classification of the delinquent child as a public registry-qualified juvenile offender registrant.

(2) An order issued under division (D)(1) of this section is independent of any order of a type described in division (F) of *section 2950.031 [2950.03.1]* of the *Revised Code* or division (E) of *section 2950.032 [2950.03.2]* of the *Revised Code*, and the court may issue an order under both division (D)(1) of this section and an order of a type described in division (F) of *section 2950.031 [2950.03.1]* of the *Revised Code* or division (E) of *section 2950.032 [2950.03.2]* of the *Revised Code*. A court that conducts a hearing under division (D)(1) of this section may consolidate that hearing with a hearing conducted for the same delinquent child under division (F) of *section 2950.031 [2950.03.1]* of the *Revised Code* or division (E) of *section 2950.032 [2950.03.2]* of the *Revised Code*.

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TITLE 29. CRIMES -- PROCEDURE  
 CHAPTER 2950. SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION AND NOTIFICATION

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§ 2950.01. Definitions

As used in this chapter, unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(A) "Sexually oriented offense" means any of the following violations or offenses committed by a person, regardless of the person's age:

(1) A violation of *section 2907.02, 2907.03, 2907.05, 2907.06, 2907.07, 2907.08, 2907.21, 2907.32, 2907.321 [2907.32.1], 2907.322 [2907.32.2], or 2907.323 [2907.32.3] of the Revised Code;*

(2) A violation of *section 2907.04 of the Revised Code* when the offender is less than four years older than the other person with whom the offender engaged in sexual conduct, the other person did not consent to the sexual conduct, and the offender previously has not been convicted of or pleaded guilty to a violation of *section 2907.02, 2907.03, or 2907.04 of the Revised Code* or a violation of former *section 2907.12 of the Revised Code;*

(3) A violation of *section 2907.04 of the Revised Code* when the offender is at least four years older than the other person with whom the offender engaged in sexual conduct or when the offender is less than four years older than the other person with whom the offender engaged in sexual conduct and the offender previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to a violation of *section 2907.02, 2907.03, or 2907.04 of the Revised Code* or a violation of former *section 2907.12 of the Revised Code;*

(4) A violation of *section 2903.01, 2903.02, or 2903.11 of the Revised Code* when the violation was committed with a sexual motivation;

(5) A violation of division (A) of *section 2903.04 of the Revised Code* when the offender committed or attempted to commit the felony that is the basis of the violation with a sexual motivation;

(6) A violation of division (A)(3) of *section 2903.211 [2903.21.1] of the Revised Code;*

(7) A violation of division (A)(1), (2), (3), or (5) of *section 2905.01 of the Revised Code* when the offense is committed with a sexual motivation;

(8) A violation of division (A)(4) of *section 2905.01 of the Revised Code;*

(9) A violation of division (B) of *section 2905.01 of the Revised Code* when the victim of the offense is under eighteen years of age and the offender is not a parent of the victim of the offense;

(10) A violation of division (B) of section 2905.02, of division (B) of section 2905.03, of division (B) of section 2905.05, or of division (B)(5) of *section 2919.22 of the Revised Code*;

(11) A violation of any former law of this state, any existing or former municipal ordinance or law of another state or the United States, any existing or former law applicable in a military court or in an Indian tribal court, or any existing or former law of any nation other than the United States that is or was substantially equivalent to any offense listed in division (A)(1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7), (8), (9), or (10) of this section;

(12) Any attempt to commit, conspiracy to commit, or complicity in committing any offense listed in division (A)(1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7), (8), (9), (10), or (11) of this section.

(B) (1) "Sex offender" means, subject to division (B)(2) of this section, a person who is convicted of, pleads guilty to, has been convicted of, has pleaded guilty to, is adjudicated a delinquent child for committing, or has been adjudicated a delinquent child for committing any sexually oriented offense.

(2) "Sex offender" does not include a person who is convicted of, pleads guilty to, has been convicted of, has pleaded guilty to, is adjudicated a delinquent child for committing, or has been adjudicated a delinquent child for committing a sexually oriented offense if the offense involves consensual sexual conduct or consensual sexual contact and either of the following applies:

(a) The victim of the sexually oriented offense was eighteen years of age or older and at the time of the sexually oriented offense was not under the custodial authority of the person who is convicted of, pleads guilty to, has been convicted of, has pleaded guilty to, is adjudicated a delinquent child for committing, or has been adjudicated a delinquent child for committing the sexually oriented offense.

(b) The victim of the offense was thirteen years of age or older, and the person who is convicted of, pleads guilty to, has been convicted of, has pleaded guilty to, is adjudicated a delinquent child for committing, or has been adjudicated a delinquent child for committing the sexually oriented offense is not more than four years older than the victim.

(C) "Child-victim oriented offense" means any of the following violations or offenses committed by a person, regardless of the person's age, when the victim is under eighteen years of age and is not a child of the person who commits the violation:

(1) A violation of division (A)(1), (2), (3), or (5) of *section 2905.01 of the Revised Code* when the violation is not included in division (A)(7) of this section;

(2) A violation of division (A) of section 2905.02, division (A) of section 2905.03, or division (A) of *section 2905.05 of the Revised Code*;

(3) A violation of any former law of this state, any existing or former municipal ordinance or law of another state or the United States, any existing or former law applicable in a military court or in an Indian tribal court, or any existing or former law of any nation other than the United States that is or was substantially equivalent to any offense listed in division (C)(1) or (2) of this section;

(4) Any attempt to commit, conspiracy to commit, or complicity in committing any offense listed in division (C)(1), (2), or (3) of this section.

(D) "Child-victim offender" means a person who is convicted of, pleads guilty to, has been convicted of, has pleaded guilty to, is adjudicated a delinquent child for committing, or has been adjudicated a delinquent child for committing any child-victim oriented offense.

(E) "Tier I sex offender/child-victim offender" means any of the following:

(1) A sex offender who is convicted of, pleads guilty to, has been convicted of, or has pleaded guilty to any of the following sexually oriented offenses:

(a) A violation of *section 2907.06, 2907.07, 2907.08, or 2907.32 of the Revised Code*;

(b) A violation of *section 2907.04 of the Revised Code* when the offender is less than four years older than the other person with whom the offender engaged in sexual conduct, the other person did not consent to the sexual conduct, and the offender previously has not been convicted of or pleaded guilty to a violation of *section 2907.02, 2907.03, or 2907.04 of the Revised Code* or a violation of former *section 2907.12 of the Revised Code*;

(c) A violation of division (A)(1), (2), (3), or (5) of *section 2907.05 of the Revised Code*;

(d) A violation of division (A)(3) of *section 2907.323 [2907.32.3] of the Revised Code*;

(e) A violation of division (A)(3) of *section 2903.211 [2903.21.1]*, of division (B) of *section 2905.03*, or of division (B) of *section 2905.05 of the Revised Code*;

(f) A violation of any former law of this state, any existing or former municipal ordinance or law of another state or the United States, any existing or former law applicable in a military court or in an Indian tribal court, or any existing or former law of any nation other than the United States, that is or was substantially equivalent to any offense listed in division (E)(1)(a), (b), (c), (d), or (e) of this section;

(g) Any attempt to commit, conspiracy to commit, or complicity in committing any offense listed in division (E)(1)(a), (b), (c), (d), (e), or (f) of this section.

(2) A child-victim offender who is convicted of, pleads guilty to, has been convicted of, or has pleaded guilty to a child-victim oriented offense and who is not within either category of child-victim offender described in division (F)(2) or (G)(2) of this section.

(3) A sex offender who is adjudicated a delinquent child for committing or has been adjudicated a delinquent child for committing any sexually oriented offense and who a juvenile court, pursuant to *section 2152.82, 2152.83, 2152.84, or 2152.85 of the Revised Code*, classifies a tier I sex offender/child-victim offender relative to the offense.

(4) A child-victim offender who is adjudicated a delinquent child for committing or has been adjudicated a delinquent child for committing any child-victim oriented offense and who a juvenile court, pursuant to *section 2152.82, 2152.83, 2152.84, or 2152.85 of the Revised Code*, classifies a tier I sex offender/child-victim offender relative to the offense.

(F) "Tier II sex offender/child-victim offender" means any of the following:

(1) A sex offender who is convicted of, pleads guilty to, has been convicted of, or has pleaded guilty to any of the following sexually oriented offenses:

(a) A violation of *section 2907.21, 2907.321 [2907.32.1], or 2907.322 [2907.32.2] of the Revised Code*;

(b) A violation of *section 2907.04 of the Revised Code* when the offender is at least four years older than the other person with whom the offender engaged in sexual conduct, or when the offender is less than four years older than the other person with whom the offender engaged in sexual conduct and the offender previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to a violation of *section 2907.02, 2907.03, or 2907.04 of the Revised Code* or former *section 2907.12 of the Revised Code*;

(c) A violation of division (A)(4) of *section 2907.05* or of division (A)(1) or (2) of *section 2907.323 [2907.32.3] of the Revised Code*;

(d) A violation of division (A)(1), (2), (3), or (5) of *section 2905.01 of the Revised Code* when the offense is committed with a sexual motivation;

(e) A violation of division (A)(4) of *section 2905.01 of the Revised Code* when the victim of the offense is eighteen years of age or older;

(f) A violation of division (B) of *section 2905.02* or of division (B)(5) of *section 2919.22 of the Revised Code*;

(g) A violation of any former law of this state, any existing or former municipal ordinance or law of another state or the United States, any existing or former law applicable in a military court or in an Indian tribal court, or any existing or former law of any nation other than the United States that is or was substantially equivalent to any offense listed in division (F)(1)(a), (b), (c), (d), (e), or (f) of this section;

(h) Any attempt to commit, conspiracy to commit, or complicity in committing any offense listed in division (F)(1)(a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), or (g) of this section;

(i) Any sexually oriented offense that is committed after the sex offender previously has been convicted of, pleaded guilty to, or has been adjudicated a delinquent child for committing any sexually oriented offense or child-victim oriented offense for which the offender was classified a tier I sex offender/child-victim offender.

(2) A child-victim offender who is convicted of, pleads guilty to, has been convicted of, or has pleaded guilty to any child-victim oriented offense when the child-victim oriented offense is committed after the child-victim offender previously has been convicted of, pleaded guilty to, or been adjudicated a delinquent child for committing any sexually oriented offense or child-victim oriented offense for which the offender was classified a tier I sex offender/child-victim offender.

(3) A sex offender who is adjudicated a delinquent child for committing or has been adjudicated a delinquent child for committing any sexually oriented offense and who a juvenile court, pursuant to *section 2152.82, 2152.83, 2152.84, or 2152.85 of the Revised Code*, classifies a tier II sex offender/child-victim offender relative to the offense.

(4) A child-victim offender who is adjudicated a delinquent child for committing or has been adjudicated a delinquent child for committing any child-victim oriented offense and whom a juvenile court, pursuant to *section 2152.82, 2152.83, 2152.84, or 2152.85 of the Revised Code*, classifies a tier II sex offender/child-victim offender relative to the current offense.

(5) A sex offender or child-victim offender who is not in any category of tier II sex offender/child-victim offender set forth in division (F)(1), (2), (3), or (4) of this section, who prior to January 1, 2008, was adjudicated a delinquent child for committing a sexually oriented offense or child-victim oriented offense, and who prior to that date was determined to be a habitual sex offender or determined to be a habitual child-victim offender, unless either of the following applies:

(a) The sex offender or child-victim offender is reclassified pursuant to *section 2950.031 [2950.03.1] or 2950.032 [2950.03.2] of the Revised Code* as a tier I sex offender/child-victim offender or a tier III sex offender/child-victim offender relative to the offense.

(b) A juvenile court, pursuant to *section 2152.82, 2152.83, 2152.84, or 2152.85 of the Revised Code*, classifies the child a tier I sex offender/child-victim offender or a tier III sex offender/child-victim offender relative to the offense.

(G) "Tier III sex offender/child-victim offender" means any of the following:

(1) A sex offender who is convicted of, pleads guilty to, has been convicted of, or has pleaded guilty to any of the following sexually oriented offenses:

(a) A violation of *section 2907.02 or 2907.03 of the Revised Code*;

(b) A violation of division (B) of *section 2907.05 of the Revised Code*;

(c) A violation of *section 2903.01, 2903.02, or 2903.11 of the Revised Code* when the violation was committed with a sexual motivation;

(d) A violation of division (A) of *section 2903.04 of the Revised Code* when the offender committed or attempted to commit the felony that is the basis of the violation with a sexual motivation;

(e) A violation of division (A)(4) of *section 2905.01 of the Revised Code* when the victim of the offense is under eighteen years of age;

(f) A violation of division (B) of *section 2905.01 of the Revised Code* when the victim of the offense is under eighteen years of age and the offender is not a parent of the victim of the offense;

(g) A violation of any former law of this state, any existing or former municipal ordinance or law of another state or the United States, any existing or former law applicable in a military court or in an Indian tribal court, or any existing or former law of any nation other than the United States that is or was substantially equivalent to any offense listed in division (G)(1)(a), (b), (c), (d), (e), or (f) of this section;

(h) Any attempt to commit, conspiracy to commit, or complicity in committing any offense listed in division (G)(1)(a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), or (g) of this section;

(i) Any sexually oriented offense that is committed after the sex offender previously has been convicted of, pleaded guilty to, or been adjudicated a delinquent child for committing any sexually oriented offense or child-victim oriented offense for which the offender was classified a tier II sex offender/child-victim offender or a tier III sex offender/child-victim offender.

(2) A child-victim offender who is convicted of, pleads guilty to, has been convicted of, or has pleaded guilty to any child-victim oriented offense when the child-victim oriented offense is committed after the child-victim offender previously has been convicted of, pleaded guilty to, or been adjudicated a delinquent child for committing any sexually oriented offense or child-victim oriented offense for which the offender was classified a tier II sex offender/child-victim offender or a tier III sex offender/child-victim offender.

(3) A sex offender who is adjudicated a delinquent child for committing or has been adjudicated a delinquent child for committing any sexually oriented offense and who a juvenile court, pursuant to *section 2152.82, 2152.83, 2152.84, or 2152.85 of the Revised Code*, classifies a tier III sex offender/child-victim offender relative to the offense.

(4) A child-victim offender who is adjudicated a delinquent child for committing or has been adjudicated a delinquent child for committing any child-victim oriented offense and whom a juvenile court, pursuant to *section 2152.82, 2152.83, 2152.84, or 2152.85 of the Revised Code*, classifies a tier III sex offender/child-victim offender relative to the current offense.

(5) A sex offender or child-victim offender who is not in any category of tier III sex offender/child-victim offender set forth in division (G)(1), (2), (3), or (4) of this section, who prior to January 1, 2008, was convicted of or pleaded guilty to a sexually oriented offense or child-victim oriented offense or was adjudicated a delinquent child for committing a sexually oriented offense or child-victim oriented offense and classified a juvenile offender registrant, and who prior to that date was adjudicated a sexual predator or adjudicated a child-victim predator, unless either of the following applies:

(a) The sex offender or child-victim offender is reclassified pursuant to *section 2950.031 [2950.03.1] or 2950.032 [2950.03.2] of the Revised Code* as a tier I sex offender/child-victim offender or a tier II sex offender/child-victim offender relative to the offense.

(b) The sex offender or child-victim offender is a delinquent child, and a juvenile court, pursuant to *section 2152.82, 2152.83, 2152.84, or 2152.85 of the Revised Code*, classifies the child a tier I sex offender/child-victim offender or a tier II sex offender/child-victim offender relative to the offense.

(6) A sex offender who is convicted of, pleads guilty to, was convicted of, or pleaded guilty to a sexually oriented offense, if the sexually oriented offense and the circumstances in which it was committed are such that division (F) of *section 2971.03 of the Revised Code* automatically classifies the offender as a tier III sex offender/child-victim offender;

(7) A sex offender or child-victim offender who is convicted of, pleads guilty to, was convicted of, pleaded guilty to, is adjudicated a delinquent child for committing, or was adjudicated a delinquent child for committing a sexually oriented offense or child-victim offense in another state, in a federal court, military court, or Indian tribal court, or in a court in any nation other than the United States if both of the following apply:

(a) Under the law of the jurisdiction in which the offender was convicted or pleaded guilty or the delinquent child was adjudicated, the offender or delinquent child is in a category substantially equivalent to a category of tier III sex offender/child-victim offender described in division (G)(1), (2), (3), (4), (5), or (6) of this section.

(b) Subsequent to the conviction, plea of guilty, or adjudication in the other jurisdiction, the offender or delinquent child resides, has temporary domicile, attends school or an institution of higher education, is employed, or intends to reside in this state in any manner and for any period of time that subjects the offender or delinquent child to a duty to register or provide notice of intent to reside under *section 2950.04 or 2950.041 [2950.04.1] of the Revised Code*.

(H) "Confinement" includes, but is not limited to, a community residential sanction imposed pursuant to *section 2929.16 or 2929.26 of the Revised Code*.

(I) "Prosecutor" has the same meaning as in *section 2935.01 of the Revised Code*.

(J) "Supervised release" means a release of an offender from a prison term, a term of imprisonment, or another type of confinement that satisfies either of the following conditions:

(1) The release is on parole, a conditional pardon, under a community control sanction, under transitional control, or under a post-release control sanction, and it requires the person to report to or be supervised by a parole officer, probation officer, field officer, or another type of supervising officer.

(2) The release is any type of release that is not described in division (J)(1) of this section and that requires the person to report to or be supervised by a probation officer, a parole officer, a field officer, or another type of supervising officer.

(K) "Sexually violent predator specification," "sexually violent predator," "sexually violent offense," "sexual motivation specification," "designated homicide, assault, or kidnapping offense," and "violent sex offense" have the same meanings as in *section 2971.01 of the Revised Code*.

(L) "Post-release control sanction" and "transitional control" have the same meanings as in *section 2967.01 of the Revised Code*.

(M) "Juvenile offender registrant" means a person who is adjudicated a delinquent child for committing on or after January 1, 2002, a sexually oriented offense or a child-victim oriented offense, who is fourteen years of age or older at the time of committing the offense, and who a juvenile court judge, pursuant to an order issued under *section 2152.82, 2152.83, 2152.84, 2152.85, or 2152.86 of the Revised Code*, classifies a juvenile offender registrant and specifies has a duty to comply with *sections 2950.04, 2950.041 [2950.04.1], 2950.05, and 2950.06 of the Revised Code*. "Juvenile offender registrant" includes a person who prior to January 1, 2008, was a "juvenile offender registrant" under the definition of the term in existence prior to January 1, 2008, and a person who prior to July 31, 2003, was a "juvenile sex offender registrant" under the former definition of that former term.

(N) "Public registry-qualified juvenile offender registrant" means a person who is adjudicated a delinquent child and on whom a juvenile court has imposed a serious youthful offender dispositional sentence under *section 2152.13 of the Revised Code* before, on, or after January 1, 2008, and to whom all of the following apply:

(1) The person is adjudicated a delinquent child for committing, attempting to commit, conspiring to commit, or complicity in committing one of the following acts:

(a) A violation of *section 2907.02 of the Revised Code*, division (B) of *section 2907.05 of the Revised Code*, or *section 2907.03 of the Revised Code* if the victim of the violation was less than twelve years of age;

(b) A violation of *section 2903.01, 2903.02, or 2905.01 of the Revised Code* that was committed with a purpose to gratify the sexual needs or desires of the child.

(2) The person was fourteen, fifteen, sixteen, or seventeen years of age at the time of committing the act.

(3) A juvenile court judge, pursuant to an order issued under *section 2152.86 of the Revised Code*, classifies the person a juvenile offender registrant, specifies the person has a duty to comply with *sections 2950.04, 2950.05, and 2950.06 of the Revised Code*, and classifies the person a public registry-qualified juvenile offender registrant, and the classification of the person as a public registry-qualified juvenile offender registrant has not been terminated pursuant to division (D) of *section 2152.86 of the Revised Code*.

(O) "Secure facility" means any facility that is designed and operated to ensure that all of its entrances and exits are locked and under the exclusive control of its staff and to ensure that, because of that exclusive control, no person who is institutionalized or confined in the facility may leave the facility without permission or supervision.

(P) "Out-of-state juvenile offender registrant" means a person who is adjudicated a delinquent child in a court in another state, in a federal court, military court, or Indian tribal court, or in a court in any nation other than the United States for committing a sexually oriented offense or a child-victim oriented offense, who on or after January 1, 2002, moves to and resides in this state or temporarily is domiciled in this state for more than five days, and who has a duty under *section 2950.04 or 2950.041 [2950.04.1] of the Revised Code* to register in this state and the duty to otherwise comply with that applicable section and *sections 2950.05 and 2950.06 of the Revised Code*. "Out-of-state juvenile offender registrant" includes a person who prior to January 1, 2008, was an "out-of-state juvenile offender registrant" under the definition of the term in existence prior to January 1, 2008, and a person who prior to July 31, 2003, was an "out-of-state juvenile sex offender registrant" under the former definition of that former term.

(Q) "Juvenile court judge" includes a magistrate to whom the juvenile court judge confers duties pursuant to division (A)(15) of *section 2151.23 of the Revised Code*.

(R) "Adjudicated a delinquent child for committing a sexually oriented offense" includes a child who receives a serious youthful offender dispositional sentence under *section 2152.13 of the Revised Code* for committing a sexually oriented offense.

(S) "School" and "school premises" have the same meanings as in *section 2925.01 of the Revised Code*.

(T) "Residential premises" means the building in which a residential unit is located and the grounds upon which that building stands, extending to the perimeter of the property. "Residential premises" includes any type of structure in which a residential unit is located, including, but not limited to, multi-unit buildings and mobile and manufactured homes.

(U) "Residential unit" means a dwelling unit for residential use and occupancy, and includes the structure or part of a structure that is used as a home, residence, or sleeping place by one person who maintains a household or two or more persons who maintain a common household. "Residential unit" does not include a halfway house or a community-based correctional facility.

(V) "Multi-unit building" means a building in which is located more than twelve residential units that have entry doors that open directly into the unit from a hallway that is shared with one or more other units. A residential unit is not considered located in a multi-unit building if the unit does not have an entry door that opens directly into the unit from a hallway that is shared with one or more other units or if the unit is in a building that is not a multi-unit building as described in this division.

(W) "Community control sanction" has the same meaning as in *section 2929.01 of the Revised Code*.

(X) "Halfway house" and "community-based correctional facility" have the same meanings as in *section 2929.01 of the Revised Code*.

146 v H 180 (Eff 1-1-97); 147 v S 111 (Eff 3-17-98); 147 v H 565 (Eff 3-30-99); 148 v H 502 (Eff 3-15-2001); 149 v S 3 (Eff 1-1-2002); 149 v S 175 (Eff 5-7-2002); 149 v H 485 (Eff 6-13-2002); 149 v H 393. Eff 7-5-2002; 149 v H 490, § 1, eff. 1-1-04; 150 v S 5, § 1, eff. 7-31-03; 150 v S 5, § 3, eff. 1-1-04; 150 v S 57, § 1, eff. 1-1-04; 150 v H 473, § 1, eff. 4-29-05; 151 v S 260, § 1, eff. 1-2-07; 152 v S 10, § 1, eff. 1-1-08.

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§ 2950.02. Legislative determinations and intent to provide information to protect public safety

(A) The general assembly hereby determines and declares that it recognizes and finds all of the following:

(1) If the public is provided adequate notice and information about offenders and delinquent children who commit sexually oriented offenses or who commit child-victim oriented offenses, members of the public and communities can develop constructive plans to prepare themselves and their children for the offender's or delinquent child's release from imprisonment, a prison term, or other confinement or detention. This allows members of the public and communities to meet with members of law enforcement agencies to prepare and obtain information about the rights and responsibilities of the public and the communities and to provide education and counseling to their children.

(2) Sex offenders and child-victim offenders pose a risk of engaging in further sexually abusive behavior even after being released from imprisonment, a prison term, or other confinement or detention, and protection of members of the public from sex offenders and child-victim offenders is a paramount governmental interest.

(3) The penal, juvenile, and mental health components of the justice system of this state are largely hidden from public view, and a lack of information from any component may result in the failure of the system to satisfy this paramount governmental interest of public safety described in division (A)(2) of this section.

(4) Overly restrictive confidentiality and liability laws governing the release of information about sex offenders and child-victim offenders have reduced the willingness to release information that could be appropriately released under the public disclosure laws and have increased risks of public safety.

(5) A person who is found to be a sex offender or a child-victim offender has a reduced expectation of privacy because of the public's interest in public safety and in the effective operation of government.

(6) The release of information about sex offenders and child-victim offenders to public agencies and the general public will further the governmental interests of public safety and public scrutiny of the criminal, juvenile, and mental health systems as long as the information released is rationally related to the furtherance of those goals.

(B) The general assembly hereby declares that, in providing in this chapter for registration regarding offenders and certain delinquent children who have committed sexually oriented offenses or who have committed child-victim oriented offenses and for community notification regarding tier III sex offenders/child-victim offenders who are criminal offenders, public registry-qualified juvenile offender registrants, and certain other juvenile offender registrants who are about to be or have been released from imprisonment, a prison term, or other confinement or detention and who will live in or near a particular neighborhood or who otherwise will live in or near a particular neighborhood, it is the general assembly's intent to protect the safety and general welfare of the people of this state. The general assembly further declares that it is the policy of this state to require the exchange in accordance with this chapter of relevant information

about sex offenders and child-victim offenders among public agencies and officials and to authorize the release in accordance with this chapter of necessary and relevant information about sex offenders and child-victim offenders to members of the general public as a means of assuring public protection and that the exchange or release of that information is not punitive.

146 v H 180 (Eff 7-1-97); 149 v S 3. Eff 1-1-2002; 150 v S 5, § 1, eff. 7-31-03; 152 v S 10, § 1, eff. 1-1-08.

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§ 2950.03. Notice to offender or delinquent child of duty to register and update address

(A) Each person who has been convicted of, is convicted of, has pleaded guilty to, or pleads guilty to a sexually oriented offense or a child-victim oriented offense and who has a duty to register pursuant to *section 2950.04 or 2950.041 [2950.04.1] of the Revised Code* and each person who is adjudicated a delinquent child for committing a sexually oriented offense or a child-victim oriented offense and who is classified a juvenile offender registrant based on that adjudication shall be provided notice in accordance with this section of the offender's or delinquent child's duties imposed under *sections 2950.04, 2950.041 [2950.04.1], 2950.05, and 2950.06 of the Revised Code* and of the offender's duties to similarly register, provide notice of a change, and verify addresses in another state if the offender resides, is temporarily domiciled, attends a school or institution of higher education, or is employed in a state other than this state. The following official shall provide the notice required under this division to the specified person at the following time:

(1) Regardless of when the person committed the sexually oriented offense or child-victim oriented offense, if the person is an offender who is sentenced to a prison term, a term of imprisonment, or any other type of confinement for any offense, and if on or after January 1, 2008, the offender is serving that term or is under that confinement, subject to division (A)(5) of this section, the official in charge of the jail, workhouse, state correctional institution, or other institution in which the offender serves the prison term, term of imprisonment, or confinement, or a designee of that official, shall provide the notice to the offender before the offender is released pursuant to any type of supervised release or before the offender otherwise is released from the prison term, term of imprisonment, or confinement.

(2) Regardless of when the person committed the sexually oriented offense or child-victim oriented offense, if the person is an offender who is sentenced on or after January 1, 2008 for any offense, and if division (A)(1) of this section does not apply, the judge shall provide the notice to the offender at the time of sentencing.

(3) If the person is a delinquent child who is classified a juvenile offender registrant on or after January 1, 2008, the judge shall provide the notice to the delinquent child at the time specified in division (B) of section 2152.82, division (C) of section 2152.83, division (C) of section 2152.84, or division (E) of *section 2152.85 of the Revised Code*, whichever is applicable.

(4) If the person is a delinquent child who is classified as both a juvenile offender registrant and a public registry-qualified juvenile offender registrant on or after January 1, 2008, the judge shall provide the notice to the delinquent child at the time specified in division (B) of *section 2152.86 of the Revised Code*.

(5) If the person is an offender or delinquent child in any of the following categories, the attorney general, department of rehabilitation and correction, or department of youth services shall provide the notice to the offender or delinquent child at the time and in the manner specified in *section 2950.031 [2950.03.1] or division (A) or (B) of section 2950.032 [2950.03.2] of the Revised Code*, whichever is applicable:

(a) An offender or delinquent child who prior to December 1, 2007, has registered a residence, school, institution of higher education, or place of employment address pursuant to *section 2950.04, 2950.041 [2950.04.1], or 2950.05 of the Revised Code*;

(b) An offender or delinquent child who registers with a sheriff pursuant to *section 2950.04 or 2950.041 [2950.04.1] of the Revised Code* on or after December 1, 2007, previously had not registered under either section with that sheriff or any other sheriff, and was convicted of, pleaded guilty to, or was classified a juvenile offender registrant relative to the sexually oriented offense or child-victim oriented offense upon which the registration was based prior to December 1, 2007;

(c) An offender who on December 1, 2007, is serving a prison term in a state correctional institution for a sexually oriented offense or child-victim oriented offense or each delinquent child who has been classified a juvenile offender registrant relative to a sexually oriented offense or child-victim oriented offense and who on that date is confined in an institution of the department of youth services for the sexually oriented offense or child-victim oriented offense;

(d) An offender or delinquent child who on or after December 2, 2007, commences a prison term in a state correctional institution or confinement in an institution of the department of youth services for a sexually oriented offense or child-victim oriented offense and who was convicted of, pleaded guilty to, or was classified a juvenile offender registrant relative to the sexually oriented offense or child-victim oriented offense prior to that date.

(6) If the person is an offender or delinquent child who on or after July 1, 2007, and prior to January 1, 2008, is convicted of or pleads guilty to a sexually oriented offense or a child-victim oriented offense and is not sentenced to a prison term for that offense or is classified a juvenile offender registrant relative to a sexually oriented offense or child-victim oriented offense and is not committed to the custody of the department of youth services for that offense, the sentencing court or juvenile court shall provide the notice to the offender or delinquent child at the time and in the manner specified in division (C) of *section 2950.032 [2950.03.2] of the Revised Code*.

(7) If the person is an offender or delinquent child who has a duty to register in this state pursuant to division (A)(4) of *section 2950.04 or 2950.041 [2950.04.1] of the Revised Code*, the offender or delinquent child is presumed to have knowledge of the law and of the offender's or delinquent child's duties imposed under *sections 2950.04, 2950.041 [2950.04.1], 2950.05, and 2950.06 of the Revised Code*.

(B) (1) The notice provided under division (A) of this section shall inform the offender or delinquent child of the offender's or delinquent child's duty to register, to provide notice of a change in the offender's or delinquent child's residence address or in the offender's school, institution of higher education, or place of employment address, as applicable, and register the new address, to periodically verify the offender's or delinquent child's residence address or the offender's school, institution of higher education, or place of employment address, as applicable, and, if applicable, to provide notice of the offender's or delinquent child's intent to reside, pursuant to *sections 2950.04, 2950.041 [2950.04.1], 2950.05, and 2950.06 of the Revised Code*. The notice shall specify that, for an offender, it applies regarding residence addresses or school, institution of higher education, and place of employment addresses and that, for a delinquent child, it applies regarding residence addresses. Additionally, it shall inform the offender of the offender's duties to similarly register, provide notice of a change in, and verify those addresses in states other than this state as described in division (A) of this section. A notice provided under division (A)(1), (2), (3), or (4) of this section shall comport with the following:

(a) If the notice is provided to an offender under division (A)(1) or (2) of this section, the official, official's designee, or judge shall require the offender to read and sign a form stating that the offender's duties to register, to file a notice of intent to reside, if applicable, to register a new residence address or new school, institution of higher education, or place of employment address, and to periodically verify those addresses, and the offender's duties in other states as described in division (A) of this section have been explained to the offender. If the offender is unable to read, the official, official's designee, or judge shall certify on the form that the official, designee, or judge specifically informed the offender of those duties and that the offender indicated an understanding of those duties.

(b) If the notice is provided to a delinquent child under division (A)(3) or (4) of this section, the judge shall require the delinquent child and the delinquent child's parent, guardian, or custodian to read and sign a form stating that the delinquent child's duties to register, to file a notice of intent to reside, if applicable, to register a new residence address, and to periodically verify that address have been explained to the delinquent child and to the delinquent child's parent, guardian, or custodian. If the delinquent child or the delinquent child's parent, guardian, or custodian is unable to read, the judge shall certify on the form that the judge specifically informed the delinquent child or the delinquent

child's parent, guardian, or custodian of those duties and that the delinquent child or the delinquent child's parent, guardian, or custodian indicated an understanding of those duties.

(2) The notice provided under divisions (A)(1) to (4) of this section shall be on a form prescribed by the bureau of criminal identification and investigation and shall contain all of the information specified in division (A) of this section and all of the information required by the bureau. The notice provided under divisions (A)(1) to (4) of this section shall include, but is not limited to, all of the following:

(a) For any notice provided under divisions (A)(1) to (4) of this section, an explanation of the offender's periodic residence address or periodic school, institution of higher education, or place of employment address verification process or of the delinquent child's periodic residence address verification process, an explanation of the frequency with which the offender or delinquent child will be required to verify those addresses under that process, a statement that the offender or delinquent child must verify those addresses at the times specified under that process or face criminal prosecution or a delinquent child proceeding, and an explanation of the offender's duty to similarly register, verify, and reregister those addresses in another state if the offender resides in another state, attends a school or institution of higher education in another state, or is employed in another state.

(b) If the notice is provided under division (A)(3) or (4) of this section, a statement that the delinquent child has been classified by the adjudicating juvenile court judge or the judge's successor in office a juvenile offender registrant and, if applicable, a public-registry qualified juvenile offender registrant and has a duty to comply with *sections 2950.04, 2950.041 [2950.04.1], 2950.05, and 2950.06 of the Revised Code*;

(c) If the notice is provided under division (A)(3) or (4) of this section, a statement that, if the delinquent child fails to comply with the requirements of *sections 2950.04, 2950.041 [2950.04.1], 2950.05, and 2950.06 of the Revised Code*, both of the following apply:

(i) If the delinquent child's failure occurs while the child is under eighteen years of age, the child is subject to proceedings under Chapter 2152. of the Revised Code based on the failure, but if the failure occurs while the child is eighteen years of age or older, the child is subject to criminal prosecution based on the failure.

(ii) If the delinquent child's failure occurs while the child is under eighteen years of age, unless the child is emancipated, as defined in *section 2919.121 [2919.12.1] of the Revised Code*, the failure of the parent, guardian, or custodian to ensure that the child complies with those requirements is a violation of *section 2919.24 of the Revised Code* and may result in the prosecution of the parent, guardian, or custodian for that violation.

(3) (a) After an offender described in division (A)(1) or (2) of this section has signed the form described in divisions (B)(1) and (2) of this section or the official, official's designee, or judge has certified on the form that the form has been explained to the offender and that the offender indicated an understanding of the duties indicated on it, the official, official's designee, or judge shall give one copy of the form to the offender, within three days shall send one copy of the form to the bureau of criminal identification and investigation in accordance with the procedures adopted pursuant to *section 2950.13 of the Revised Code*, shall send one copy of the form to the sheriff of the county in which the offender expects to reside, and shall send one copy of the form to the sheriff of the county in which the offender was convicted or pleaded guilty if the offender has a duty to register pursuant to division (A)(1) of *section 2950.04 or 2950.041 [2950.04.1] of the Revised Code*.

(b) After a delinquent child described in division (A)(3) or (4) of this section and the delinquent child's parent, guardian, or custodian have signed the form described in divisions (B)(1) and (2) of this section or the judge has certified on the form that the form has been explained to the delinquent child or the delinquent child's parent, guardian, or custodian and that the delinquent child or the delinquent child's parent, guardian, or custodian indicated an understanding of the duties and information indicated on the form, the judge shall give a copy of the form to both the delinquent child and to the delinquent child's parent, guardian, or custodian, within three days shall send one copy of the form to the bureau of criminal identification and investigation in accordance with the procedures adopted pursuant to *section 2950.13 of the Revised Code*, shall send one copy of the form to the sheriff of the county in which the delinquent child expects to reside, and shall send one copy of the form to the sheriff of the county in which the child was adjudicated a delinquent child if the delinquent child has a duty to register pursuant to division (A)(1) of *section 2950.04 or 2950.041 [2950.04.1] of the Revised Code*.

(C) The official, official's designee, judge, chief of police, or sheriff who is required to provide notice to an offender or delinquent child under divisions (A)(1) to (4) of this section shall determine the offender's or delinquent child's name, identifying factors, and expected future residence address in this state or any other state, shall obtain the

offender's or delinquent child's criminal and delinquency history, and shall obtain a photograph and the fingerprints of the offender or delinquent child. Regarding an offender, the official, designee, or judge also shall obtain from the offender the offender's current or expected future school, institution of higher education, or place of employment address in this state, if any. If the notice is provided by a judge under division (A)(2), (3), or (4) of this section, the sheriff shall provide the offender's or delinquent child's criminal and delinquency history to the judge. The official, official's designee, or judge shall obtain this information and these items prior to giving the notice, except that a judge may give the notice prior to obtaining the offender's or delinquent child's criminal and delinquency history. Within three days after receiving this information and these items, the official, official's designee, or judge shall forward the information and items to the bureau of criminal identification and investigation in accordance with the forwarding procedures adopted pursuant to *section 2950.13 of the Revised Code*, to the sheriff of the county in which the offender or delinquent child expects to reside and to the sheriff of the county in which the offender or delinquent child was convicted, pleaded guilty, or adjudicated a delinquent child if the offender or delinquent child has a duty to register pursuant to division (A)(1) of *section 2950.04 or 2950.041 [2950.04.1] of the Revised Code*, and, regarding an offender, to the sheriff of the county, if any, in which the offender attends or will attend a school or institution of higher education or is or will be employed. If the notice is provided under division (A)(3) or (4) of this section and if the delinquent child has been committed to the department of youth services or to a secure facility, the judge, in addition to the other information and items described in this division, also shall forward to the bureau and to the sheriff notification that the child has been so committed. If it has not already done so, the bureau of criminal identification and investigation shall forward a copy of the fingerprints and conviction data received under this division to the federal bureau of investigation.

146 v H 180 (Eff 1-1-97); 147 v H 93 (Eff 12-31-97); 148 v H 502 (Eff 3-15-2001); 149 v S 3 (Eff 1-1-2002); 149 v H 485. Eff 6-13-2002; 150 v S 5, § 1, eff. 7-31-03; 150 v H 473, § 1, eff. 4-29-05; 152 v S 10, § 1, eff. 1-1-08.

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§ 2950.031. Attorney general to determine application of new SORN Law to each offender or delinquent child; registered letter to be sent; right to court hearing to contest application

(A) (1) At any time on or after July 1, 2007, and not later than December 1, 2007, the attorney general shall determine for each offender or delinquent child who prior to December 1, 2007, has registered a residence, school, institution of higher education, or place of employment address pursuant to *section 2950.04, 2950.041 [2950.04.1], or 2950.05 of the Revised Code* the offender's or delinquent child's new classification as a tier I sex offender/child-victim offender, a tier II sex offender/child-victim offender, or a tier III sex offender/child-victim offender under Chapter 2950. of the Revised Code as it will exist under the changes that will be implemented on January 1, 2008, the offender's or delinquent child's duties under Chapter 2950. of the Revised Code as so changed, and, regarding a delinquent child, whether the child is a public registry-qualified juvenile offender registrant.

(2) At any time on or after July 1, 2007, and not later than December 1, 2007, the attorney general shall send to each offender or delinquent child who prior to December 1, 2007, has registered a residence, school, institution of higher education, or place of employment address pursuant to *section 2950.04, 2950.041 [2950.04.1], or 2950.05 of the Revised Code* a registered letter that contains the information described in this division. The registered letter shall be sent return receipt-requested to the last reported address of the person and, if the person is a delinquent child, the last reported address of the parents of the delinquent child. The letter sent to an offender or to a delinquent child and the delinquent child's parents pursuant to this division shall notify the offender or the delinquent child and the delinquent child's parents of all of the following:

(a) The changes in Chapter 2950. of the Revised Code that will be implemented on January 1, 2008;

(b) Subject to division (A)(2)(c) of this section, the offender's or delinquent child's new classification as a tier I sex offender/child-victim offender, a tier II sex offender/child-victim offender, or a tier III sex offender/child-victim offender under Chapter 2950. of the Revised Code as it will exist under the changes that will be implemented on January 1, 2008, the offender's or delinquent child's duties under Chapter 2950. of the Revised Code as so changed and the duration of those duties, whether the delinquent child is classified a public registry-qualified juvenile offender registrant, and the information specified in division (B) of *section 2950.03 of the Revised Code* to the extent it is relevant to the offender or delinquent child;

(c) The fact that the offender or delinquent child has a right to a hearing as described in division (E) of this section, the procedures for requesting the hearing, and the period of time within which the request for the hearing must be made.

(d) If the offender's or delinquent child's duty to comply with *sections 2950.04, 2950.041 [2950.04.1], 2950.05, and 2950.06 of the Revised Code* is scheduled to terminate on or after July 1, 2007, and prior to January 1, 2008, under

the version of *section 2950.07 of the Revised Code* that is in effect prior to January 1, 2008, a summary of the provisions of *section 2950.033 [2950.03.3] of the Revised Code* and the application of those provisions to the offender or delinquent child, provided that this division applies to a delinquent child only if the child is in a category specified in division (C) of *section 2950.033 [2950.03.3] of the Revised Code*.

(3) The attorney general shall make the determinations described in division (A)(1) of this section for each offender or delinquent child who has registered an address as described in that division, even if the offender's duty to comply with *sections 2950.04, 2950.041 [2950.04.1], 2950.05, and 2950.06 of the Revised Code* is scheduled to terminate prior to January 1, 2008, under the version of *section 2950.07 of the Revised Code* that is in effect prior to that date or the delinquent child is in a category specified in division (C) of *section 2950.033 [2950.03.3] of the Revised Code* and the child's duty to comply with those sections is scheduled to terminate prior to January 1, 2008, under the version of *section 2950.07 of the Revised Code* that is in effect prior to that date. The attorney general shall send the registered letter described in division (A)(2) of this section to each offender or delinquent child who has registered an address as described in that division even if the offender's duty to comply with *sections 2950.04, 2950.041 [2950.04.1], 2950.05, and 2950.06 of the Revised Code* is scheduled to terminate prior to January 1, 2008, under the version of *section 2950.07 of the Revised Code* that is in effect prior to that date, or the delinquent child is in a category specified in division (C) of *section 2950.033 [2950.03.3] of the Revised Code*, and the child's duty to comply with those sections is scheduled to terminate prior to January 1, 2008, under the version of *section 2950.07 of the Revised Code* that is in effect prior to that date. *Section 2950.033 [2950.03.3] of the Revised Code* applies to any offender who has registered an address as described in division (A)(1) or (2) of this section and whose duty to comply with *sections 2950.04, 2950.041 [2950.04.1], 2950.05, and 2950.06 of the Revised Code* is scheduled to terminate prior to January 1, 2008, under the version of *section 2950.07 of the Revised Code* that is in effect prior to that date, or the delinquent child is in a category specified in division (C) of *section 2950.033 [2950.03.3] of the Revised Code*, and the child's duty to comply with those sections is scheduled to terminate prior to January 1, 2008, under the version of *section 2950.07 of the Revised Code* that is in effect prior to that date.

(B) If a sheriff informs the attorney general pursuant to *section 2950.043 [2950.04.3] of the Revised Code* that an offender or delinquent child registered with the sheriff pursuant to *section 2950.04 or 2950.041 [2950.04.1] of the Revised Code* on or after December 1, 2007, that the offender or delinquent child previously had not registered under either section with that sheriff or any other sheriff, and that the offender or delinquent child was convicted of, pleaded guilty to, or was classified a juvenile offender registrant relative to the sexually oriented offense or child-victim oriented offense upon which the registration was based prior to December 1, 2007, within fourteen days after being so informed of the registration and receiving the information and material specified in division (D) of that section, the attorney general shall determine for the offender or delinquent child all of the matters specified in division (A)(1) of this section. Upon making the determinations, the attorney general immediately shall send to the offender or to the delinquent child and the delinquent child's parents a registered letter pursuant to division (A)(2) of this section that contains the information specified in that division.

(C) The attorney general shall maintain the return receipts for all offenders, delinquent children, and parents of delinquent children who are sent a registered letter under division (A) or (B) of this section. For each offender, delinquent child, and parents of a delinquent child, the attorney general shall send a copy of the return receipt for the offender, delinquent child, or parents to the sheriff with whom the offender or delinquent child most recently registered a residence address and, if applicable, a school, institution of higher education, or place of employment address and to the prosecutor who handled the case in which the offender or delinquent child was convicted of, pleaded guilty to, or was adjudicated a delinquent child for committing the sexually oriented offense or child-victim oriented offense that resulted in the offender's or child's registration duty under *section 2950.04 or 2950.041 [2950.04.1] of the Revised Code*. If a return receipt indicates that the offender, delinquent child, or parents of a delinquent child to whom the registered letter was sent does not reside or have temporary domicile at the listed address, the attorney general immediately shall provide notice of that fact to the sheriff with whom the offender or delinquent child registered that residence address.

(D) The attorney general shall mail to each sheriff a list of all offenders and delinquent children who have registered a residence address or a school, institution of higher education, or place of employment address with that sheriff and to whom a registered letter is sent under division (A) or (B) of this section. The list shall specify the offender's or delinquent child's new classification as a tier I sex offender/child-victim offender, a tier II sex offender/child-victim offender, or a tier III sex offender/child-victim offender under Chapter 2950. of the Revised Code as it will exist under the changes that will be implemented on January 1, 2008, the offender's or delinquent child's duties under Chapter 2950.

of the Revised Code as so changed, and, regarding a delinquent child, whether the child is a public registry-qualified juvenile offender registrant.

(E) An offender or delinquent child who is in a category described in division (A)(2) or (B) of this section may request as a matter of right a court hearing to contest the application to the offender or delinquent child of the new registration requirements under Chapter 2950. of the Revised Code as it will exist under the changes that will be implemented on January 1, 2008. The offender or delinquent child may contest the manner in which the letter sent to the offender or delinquent child pursuant to division (A) or (B) of this section specifies that the new registration requirements apply to the offender or delinquent child or may contest whether those new registration requirements apply at all to the offender or delinquent child. To request the hearing, the offender or delinquent child not later than the date that is sixty days after the offender or delinquent child received the registered letter sent by the attorney general pursuant to division (A)(2) of this section shall file a petition with the court specified in this division. If the offender or delinquent child resides in or is temporarily domiciled in this state and requests a hearing, the offender or delinquent child shall file the petition with, and the hearing shall be held in, the court of common pleas or, for a delinquent child, the juvenile court of the county in which the offender or delinquent child resides or temporarily is domiciled. If the offender does not reside in and is not temporarily domiciled in this state, the offender or delinquent child shall file the petition with, and the hearing shall be held in, the court of common pleas of the county in which the offender registered a school, institution of higher education, or place of employment address, but if the offender has registered addresses of that nature in more than one county, the offender may file such a petition in the court of only one of those counties.

If the offender or delinquent child requests a hearing by timely filing a petition with the appropriate court, the offender or delinquent child shall serve a copy of the petition on the prosecutor of the county in which the petition is filed. The prosecutor shall represent the interests of the state in the hearing. In any hearing under this division, the Rules of Civil Procedure or, if the hearing is in a juvenile court, the Rules of Juvenile Procedure apply, except to the extent that those Rules would by their nature be clearly inapplicable. The court shall schedule a hearing, and shall provide notice to the offender or delinquent child and prosecutor of the date, time, and place of the hearing.

If an offender or delinquent child requests a hearing in accordance with this division, until the court issues its decision at or subsequent to the hearing, the offender or delinquent child shall comply prior to January 1, 2008, with Chapter 2950. of the Revised Code as it exists prior to that date and shall comply on and after January 1, 2008, with Chapter 2950. of the Revised Code as it will exist under the changes that will be implemented on that date. If an offender or delinquent child requests a hearing in accordance with this division, at the hearing, all parties are entitled to be heard, and the court shall consider all relevant information and testimony presented relative to the application to the offender or delinquent child of the new registration requirements under Chapter 2950. of the Revised Code as it will exist under the changes that will be implemented on January 1, 2008. If, at the conclusion of the hearing, the court finds that the offender or delinquent child has proven by clear and convincing evidence that the new registration requirements do not apply to the offender or delinquent child in the manner specified in the letter sent to the offender or delinquent child pursuant to division (A) or (B) of this section, the court shall issue an order that specifies the manner in which the court has determined that the new registration requirements do apply to the offender or delinquent child. If at the conclusion of the hearing the court finds that the offender or delinquent child has proven by clear and convincing evidence that the new registration requirements do not apply to the offender or delinquent child, the court shall issue an order that specifies that the new registration requirements do not apply to the offender or delinquent child. The court promptly shall serve a copy of an order issued under this division upon the sheriff with whom the offender or delinquent child most recently registered under *section 2950.04, 2950.041 [2950.04.1], or 2950.05 of the Revised Code* and upon the bureau of criminal identification and investigation. The offender or delinquent child and the prosecutor have the right to appeal the decision of the court issued under this division.

If an offender or delinquent child fails to request a hearing in accordance with this division within the applicable sixty-day period specified in this division, the failure constitutes a waiver by the offender or delinquent child of the offender's or delinquent child's right to a hearing under this division, and the offender or delinquent child is bound by the determinations of the attorney general contained in the registered letter sent to the offender or child.

If a juvenile court issues an order under division (A)(2) or (3) of *section 2152.86 of the Revised Code* that classifies a delinquent child a public-registry qualified juvenile offender registrant and if the child's delinquent act was committed prior to January 1, 2008, a challenge to the classification contained in the order shall be made pursuant to division (D) of *section 2152.86 of the Revised Code*.

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§ 2950.032. Attorney general to determine tier classification for each offender or delinquent child; notice of provisions implemented on January 1, 2008

(A) (1) At any time on or after July 1, 2007, and not later than December 1, 2007, the attorney general shall do all of the following:

(a) For each offender who on December 1, 2007, will be serving a prison term in a state correctional institution for a sexually oriented offense or child-victim oriented offense, determine the offender's classification relative to that offense as a tier I sex offender/child-victim offender, a tier II sex offender/child-victim offender, or a tier III sex offender/child-victim offender under Chapter 2950. of the Revised Code as it will exist under the changes in that chapter that will be implemented on January 1, 2008, and the offender's duties under Chapter 2950. of the Revised Code as so changed and provide to the department of rehabilitation and correction a document that describes that classification and those duties;

(b) For each delinquent child who has been classified a juvenile offender registrant relative to a sexually oriented offense or child-victim oriented offense and who on December 1, 2007, will be confined in an institution of the department of youth services for the sexually oriented offense or child-victim oriented offense, determine the delinquent child's classification relative to that offense as a tier I sex offender/child-victim offender, a tier II sex offender/child-victim offender, or a tier III sex offender/child-victim offender under Chapter 2950. of the Revised Code as it will exist under the changes in that chapter that will be implemented on January 1, 2008, the delinquent child's duties under Chapter 2950. of the Revised Code as so changed, and whether the delinquent child is a public registry-qualified juvenile offender registrant and provide to the department a document that describes that classification, those duties, and whether the delinquent child is a public registry-qualified juvenile offender registrant.

(c) For each offender and delinquent child described in division (A)(1)(a) or (b) of this section, determine whether the attorney general is required to send a registered letter to that offender or that delinquent child and delinquent child's parents pursuant to *section 2950.031 [2950.03.1] of the Revised Code* relative to the sexually oriented offense or child-victim oriented offense for which the offender or delinquent child is serving the prison term or is confined and, if the attorney general is required to send such a letter to that offender or that delinquent child and delinquent child's parents relative to that offense, include in the document provided to the department of rehabilitation and correction or the department of youth services under division (A)(1)(a) or (b) of this section a conspicuous notice that the attorney general will be sending the offender or delinquent child and delinquent child's parent the registered letter and that the department is not required to provide to the offender or delinquent child the written notice described in division (A)(2) of this section.

(2) At any time on or after July 1, 2007, and not later than December 1, 2007, except as otherwise described in this division, the department of rehabilitation and correction shall provide to each offender described in division (A)(1)(a) of this section and the department of youth services shall provide to each delinquent child described in division (A)(1)(b) of this section and to the delinquent child's parents a written notice that contains the information described in this division. The department of rehabilitation and correction and the department of youth services are not required to provide the written notice to an offender or a delinquent child and the delinquent child's parents if the attorney general included in the document provided to the particular department under division (A)(1)(a) or (b) of this section notice that the attorney general will be sending that offender or that delinquent child and the delinquent child's parents a registered letter and that the department is not required to provide to that offender or that delinquent child and parents the written notice. The written notice provided to an offender or a delinquent child and the delinquent child's parents pursuant to this division shall notify the offender or delinquent child of all of the following:

(a) The changes in Chapter 2950. of the Revised Code that will be implemented on January 1, 2008;

(b) Subject to division (A)(2)(c) of this section, the offender's or delinquent child's classification as a tier I sex offender/child-victim offender, a tier II sex offender/child-victim offender, or a tier III sex offender/child-victim offender under Chapter 2950. of the Revised Code as it will exist under the changes that will be implemented on January 1, 2008, the offender's or delinquent child's duties under Chapter 2950. of the Revised Code as so changed and the duration of those duties, whether the delinquent child is classified a public registry-qualified juvenile offender registrant, and the information specified in division (B) of *section 2950.03 of the Revised Code* to the extent it is relevant to the offender or delinquent child;

(c) The fact that the offender or delinquent child has a right to a hearing as described in division (E) of this section, the procedures for requesting the hearing, and the period of time within which the request for the hearing must be made;

(d) If the offender's or delinquent child's duty to comply with *sections 2950.04, 2950.041 [2950.04.1], 2950.05, and 2950.06 of the Revised Code* is scheduled to terminate on or after July 1, 2007, and prior to January 1, 2008, under the version of *section 2950.07 of the Revised Code* that is in effect prior to January 1, 2008, a summary of the provisions of *section 2950.033 [2950.03.3] of the Revised Code* and the application of those provisions to the offender or delinquent child, provided that this division applies regarding a delinquent child only if the child is in a category specified in division (A) of *section 2950.033 [2950.03.3] of the Revised Code*.

(3) The attorney general shall make the determinations described in divisions (A)(1)(a) and (b) of this section for each offender or delinquent child who is described in either of those divisions even if the offender's duty to comply with *sections 2950.04, 2950.041 [2950.04.1], 2950.05, and 2950.06 of the Revised Code* is scheduled to terminate prior to January 1, 2008, under the version of *section 2950.07 of the Revised Code* that is in effect prior to that date, or the delinquent child is in a category specified in division (C) of *section 2950.033 [2950.03.3] of the Revised Code*, and the child's duty to comply with those sections is scheduled to terminate prior to January 1, 2008, under the version of *section 2950.07 of the Revised Code* that is in effect prior to that date. The department of rehabilitation and correction shall provide to each offender described in division (A)(1)(a) of this section and the department of youth services shall provide to each delinquent child described in division (A)(1)(b) of this section the notice described in division (A)(2) of this section, even if the offender's duty to comply with *sections 2950.04, 2950.041 [2950.04.1], 2950.05, and 2950.06 of the Revised Code* is scheduled to terminate prior to January 1, 2008, under the version of *section 2950.07 of the Revised Code* that is in effect prior to that date, or the delinquent child is in a category specified in division (C) of *section 2950.033 [2950.03.3] of the Revised Code*, and the child's duty to comply with those sections is scheduled to terminate prior to January 1, 2008, under the version of *section 2950.07 of the Revised Code* that is in effect prior to that date. *Section 2950.033 [2950.03.3] of the Revised Code* applies regarding any offender described in division (A)(1)(a) or (b) of this section whose duty to comply with *sections 2950.04, 2950.041 [2950.04.1], 2950.05, and 2950.06 of the Revised Code* is scheduled to terminate prior to January 1, 2008, under the version of *section 2950.07 of the Revised Code* that is in effect prior to that date and any delinquent child who is in a category specified in division (A) of *section 2950.033 [2950.03.3] of the Revised Code* and whose duty to comply with those sections is scheduled to terminate prior to January 1, 2008, under the version of *section 2950.07 of the Revised Code* that is in effect prior to that date.

(B) If on or after December 2, 2007, an offender commences a prison term in a state correctional institution or a delinquent child commences confinement in an institution of the department of youth services for a sexually oriented offense or a child-victim oriented offense and if the offender or delinquent child was convicted of, pleaded guilty to, or was classified a juvenile offender registrant relative to the sexually oriented offense or child-victim oriented offense on

or before that date, as soon as practicable, the department of rehabilitation and correction or the department of youth services, as applicable, shall contact the attorney general, inform the attorney general of the commencement of the prison term or institutionalization, and forward to the attorney general information and material that identifies the offender or delinquent child and that describes the sexually oriented offense resulting in the prison term or institutionalization, the facts and circumstances of it, and the offender's or delinquent child's criminal or delinquency history. Within fourteen days after being so informed of the commencement of the prison term or institutionalization and receiving the information and material specified in this division, the attorney general shall determine for the offender or delinquent child all of the matters specified in division (A)(1)(a), (b), or (c) of this section and immediately provide to the appropriate department a document that describes the offender's or delinquent child's classification and duties as so determined.

Upon receipt from the attorney general of a document described in this division that pertains to an offender or delinquent child, the department of rehabilitation and correction shall provide to the offender or the department of youth services shall provide to the delinquent child, as applicable, a written notice that contains the information specified in division (A)(2) of this section.

(C) If, on or after July 1, 2007, and prior to January 1, 2008, an offender is convicted of or pleads guilty to a sexually oriented offense or a child-victim oriented offense and the court does not sentence the offender to a prison term for that offense or if, on or after July 1, 2007, and prior to January 1, 2008, a delinquent child is classified a juvenile offender registrant relative to a sexually oriented offense or a child-victim oriented offense and the juvenile court does not commit the child to the custody of the department of youth services for that offense, the court at the time of sentencing or the juvenile court at the time specified in division (B) of section 2152.82, division (C) of section 2152.83, division (C) of section 2152.84, division (E) of section 2152.85, or division (A) of *section 2152.86 of the Revised Code*, whichever is applicable, shall do all of the following:

(1) Provide the offender or the delinquent child and the delinquent child's parents with the notices required under *section 2950.03 of the Revised Code*, as it exists prior to January 1, 2008, regarding the offender's or delinquent child's duties under this chapter as it exists prior to that date;

(2) Provide the offender or the delinquent child and the delinquent child's parents with a written notice that contains the information specified in divisions (A)(2)(a) and (b) of this section;

(3) Provide the offender or the delinquent child and the delinquent child's parents a written notice that clearly indicates that the offender or delinquent child is required to comply with the duties described in the notice provided under division (C)(1) of this section until January 1, 2008, and will be required to comply with the duties described in the notice provided under division (C)(2) of this section on and after that date.

(D) (1) Except as otherwise provided in this division, the officer or employee of the department of rehabilitation and correction or the department of youth services who provides an offender or a delinquent child and the delinquent child's parents with the notices described in division (A)(2) or (B) of this section shall require the offender or delinquent child to read and sign a form stating that the changes in Chapter 2950. of the Revised Code that will be implemented on January 1, 2008, the offender's or delinquent child's classification as a tier I sex offender, a tier II sex offender, or a tier III sex offender, the offender's or delinquent child's duties under Chapter 2950. of the Revised Code as so changed and the duration of those duties, the delinquent child's classification as a public registry-qualified juvenile offender registrant if applicable, the information specified in division (B) of *section 2950.03 of the Revised Code* to the extent it is relevant to the offender or delinquent child, and the right to a hearing, procedures for requesting the hearing, and period of time within which the request for the hearing must be made have been explained to the offender or delinquent child.

Except as otherwise provided in this division, the judge who provides an offender or delinquent child with the notices described in division (C) of this section shall require the offender or delinquent child to read and sign a form stating that all of the information described in divisions (C)(1) to (3) of this section has been explained to the offender or delinquent child.

If the offender or delinquent child is unable to read, the official, employee, or judge shall certify on the form that the official, employee, or judge specifically informed the offender or delinquent child of all of that information and that the offender or delinquent child indicated an understanding of it.

(2) After an offender or delinquent child has signed the form described in division (D)(1) of this section or the official, employee, or judge has certified on the form that the form has been explained to the offender or delinquent child and that the offender or delinquent child indicated an understanding of the specified information, the official, employee,

or judge shall give one copy of the form to the offender or delinquent child, within three days shall send one copy of the form to the bureau of criminal identification and investigation in accordance with the procedures adopted pursuant to *section 2950.13 of the Revised Code*, and shall send one copy of the form to the sheriff of the county in which the offender or delinquent child expects to reside and one copy to the prosecutor who handled the case in which the offender or delinquent child was convicted of, pleaded guilty to, or was adjudicated a delinquent child for committing the sexually oriented offense or child-victim oriented offense that resulted in the offender's or child's registration duty under *section 2950.04 or 2950.041 [2950.04.1] of the Revised Code*.

(E) An offender or delinquent child who is provided a notice under division (A)(2) or (B) of this section may request as a matter of right a court hearing to contest the application to the offender or delinquent child of the new registration requirements under Chapter 2950. of the Revised Code as it will exist under the changes that will be implemented on January 1, 2008. The offender or delinquent child may contest the matters that are identified in division (E) of *section 2950.031 [2950.03.1] of the Revised Code*. To request the hearing, an offender or delinquent child who is provided a notice under division (A)(2) of this section shall file a petition with the appropriate court not later than the date that is sixty days after the offender or delinquent child is provided the notice under that division, and an offender or delinquent child who is provided a notice under division (B) of this section shall file a petition with the appropriate court not later than the date that is sixty days after the offender or delinquent child is provided the notice under that division. The request for the hearing shall be made in the manner and with the court specified in division (E) of *section 2950.031 [2950.03.1] of the Revised Code*, and, except as otherwise provided in this division, the provisions of that division regarding the service of process and notice regarding the hearing, the conduct of the hearing, the determinations to be made at the hearing, and appeals of those determinations also apply to a hearing requested under this division. If a hearing is requested as described in this division, the offender or delinquent child shall appear at the hearing by video conferencing equipment if available and compatible, except that, upon the court's own motion or the motion of the offender or delinquent child or the prosecutor representing the interests of the state and a determination by the court that the interests of justice require that the offender or delinquent child be present, the court may permit the offender or delinquent child to be physically present at the hearing. An appearance by video conferencing equipment pursuant to this division has the same force and effect as if the offender or delinquent child were physically present at the hearing. The provisions of division (E) of *section 2950.031 [2950.03.1] of the Revised Code* regarding the effect of a failure to timely request a hearing also apply to a failure to timely request a hearing under this division.

If a juvenile court issues an order under division (A)(2) or (3) of *section 2152.86 of the Revised Code* that classifies a delinquent child a public-registry qualified juvenile offender registrant and if the child's delinquent act was committed prior to January 1, 2008, a challenge to the classification contained in the order shall be made pursuant to division (D) of *section 2152.86 of the Revised Code*.

152 v S 10, § 1, eff. 7-1-07.

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§ 2950.04. Duty to register and comply with registration requirements

(A) (1) (a) Immediately after a sentencing hearing is held on or after January 1, 2008, for an offender who is convicted of or pleads guilty to a sexually oriented offense and is sentenced to a prison term, a term of imprisonment, or any other type of confinement and before the offender is transferred to the custody of the department of rehabilitation and correction or to the official in charge of the jail, workhouse, state correctional institution, or other institution where the offender will be confined, the offender shall register personally with the sheriff, or the sheriff's designee, of the county in which the offender was convicted of or pleaded guilty to the sexually oriented offense.

(b) Immediately after a dispositional hearing is held on or after January 1, 2008, for a child who is adjudicated a delinquent child for committing a sexually oriented offense, is classified a juvenile offender registrant based on that adjudication, and is committed to the custody of the department of youth services or to a secure facility that is not operated by the department and before the child is transferred to the custody of the department of youth services or the secure facility to which the delinquent child is committed, the delinquent child shall register personally with the sheriff, or the sheriff's designee, of the county in which the delinquent child was classified a juvenile offender registrant based on that sexually oriented offense.

(c) A law enforcement officer shall be present at the sentencing hearing or dispositional hearing described in division (A)(1)(a) or (b) of this section to immediately transport the offender or delinquent child who is the subject of the hearing to the sheriff, or the sheriff's designee, of the county in which the offender or delinquent child is convicted, pleads guilty, or is adjudicated a delinquent child.

(d) After an offender who has registered pursuant to division (A)(1)(a) of this section is released from a prison term, a term of imprisonment, or any other type of confinement, the offender shall register as provided in division (A)(2) of this section. After a delinquent child who has registered pursuant to division (A)(1)(b) of this section is released from the custody of the department of youth services or from a secure facility that is not operated by the department, the delinquent child shall register as provided in division (A)(3) of this section.

(2) Regardless of when the sexually oriented offense was committed, each offender who is convicted of, pleads guilty to, has been convicted of, or has pleaded guilty to a sexually oriented offense shall comply with the following registration requirements described in divisions (A)(2)(a), (b), (c), (d), and (e) of this section:

(a) The offender shall register personally with the sheriff, or the sheriff's designee, of the county within three days of the offender's coming into a county in which the offender resides or temporarily is domiciled for more than three days.

(b) The offender shall register personally with the sheriff, or the sheriff's designee, of the county immediately upon coming into a county in which the offender attends a school or institution of higher education on a full-time or part-time basis regardless of whether the offender resides or has a temporary domicile in this state or another state.

(c) The offender shall register personally with the sheriff, or the sheriff's designee, of the county in which the offender is employed if the offender resides or has a temporary domicile in this state and has been employed in that county for more than three days or for an aggregate period of fourteen or more days in that calendar year.

(d) The offender shall register personally with the sheriff, or the sheriff's designee, of the county in which the offender then is employed if the offender does not reside or have a temporary domicile in this state and has been employed at any location or locations in this state more than three days or for an aggregate period of fourteen or more days in that calendar year.

(e) The offender shall register with the sheriff, or the sheriff's designee, or other appropriate person of the other state immediately upon entering into any state other than this state in which the offender attends a school or institution of higher education on a full-time or part-time basis or upon being employed in any state other than this state for more than three days or for an aggregate period of fourteen or more days in that calendar year regardless of whether the offender resides or has a temporary domicile in this state, the other state, or a different state

(3) (a) Each child who is adjudicated a delinquent child for committing a sexually oriented offense and who is classified a juvenile offender registrant based on that adjudication shall register personally with the sheriff, or the sheriff's designee, of the county within three days of the delinquent child's coming into a county in which the delinquent child resides or temporarily is domiciled for more than three days.

(b) In addition to the registration duty imposed under division (A)(3)(a) of this section, each public registry-qualified juvenile offender registrant shall comply with the following additional registration requirements:

(i) The public registry-qualified juvenile offender registrant shall register personally with the sheriff, or the sheriff's designee, of the county immediately upon coming into a county in which the registrant attends a school or institution of higher education on a full-time or part-time basis regardless of whether the registrant resides or has a temporary domicile in this state or another state.

(ii) The public registry-qualified juvenile offender registrant shall register personally with the sheriff, or the sheriff's designee, of the county in which the registrant is employed if the registrant resides or has a temporary domicile in this state and has been employed in that county for more than three days or for an aggregate period of fourteen or more days in that calendar year.

(iii) The public registry-qualified juvenile offender registrant shall register personally with the sheriff, or the sheriff's designee, of the county in which the registrant then is employed if the registrant does not reside or have a temporary domicile in this state and has been employed at any location or locations in this state more than three days or for an aggregate period of fourteen or more days in that calendar year.

(iv) The public registry-qualified juvenile offender registrant shall register with the sheriff, or the sheriff's designee, or other appropriate person of the other state immediately upon entering into any state other than this state in which the registrant attends a school or institution of higher education on a full-time or part-time basis or upon being employed in any state other than this state for more than three days or for an aggregate period of fourteen or more days in that calendar year regardless of whether the registrant resides or has a temporary domicile in this state, the other state, or a different state.

(c) If the delinquent child is committed for the sexually oriented offense to the department of youth services or to a secure facility that is not operated by the department, this duty begins when the delinquent child is discharged or released in any manner from custody in a department of youth services secure facility or from the secure facility that is not operated by the department if pursuant to the discharge or release the delinquent child is not committed to any other secure facility of the department or any other secure facility.

(4) Regardless of when the sexually oriented offense was committed, each person who is convicted, pleads guilty, or is adjudicated a delinquent child in a court in another state, in a federal court, military court, or Indian tribal court, or in a court in any nation other than the United States for committing a sexually oriented offense shall comply with the following registration requirements if, at the time the offender or delinquent child moves to and resides in this state or temporarily is domiciled in this state for more than three days, the offender or public registry-qualified juvenile offender

registrant enters this state to attend a school or institution of higher education, or the offender or public registry-qualified juvenile offender registrant is employed in this state for more than the specified period of time, the offender or delinquent child has a duty to register as a sex offender or child-victim offender under the law of that other jurisdiction as a result of the conviction, guilty plea, or adjudication:

(a) Each offender and delinquent child shall register personally with the sheriff, or the sheriff's designee, of the county within three days of the offender's or delinquent child's coming into the county in which the offender or delinquent child resides or temporarily is domiciled for more than three days.

(b) Each offender or public registry-qualified juvenile offender registrant shall register personally with the sheriff, or the sheriff's designee, of the county immediately upon coming into a county in which the offender or public registry-qualified juvenile offender registrant attends a school or institution of higher education on a full-time or part-time basis regardless of whether the offender or public registry-qualified juvenile offender registrant resides or has a temporary domicile in this state or another state.

(c) Each offender or public registry-qualified juvenile offender registrant shall register personally with the sheriff, or the sheriff's designee, of the county in which the offender or public registry-qualified juvenile offender registrant is employed if the offender resides or has a temporary domicile in this state and has been employed in that county for more than three days or for an aggregate period of fourteen days or more in that calendar year.

(d) Each offender or public registry-qualified juvenile offender registrant shall register personally with the sheriff, or the sheriff's designee, of the county in which the offender or public registry-qualified juvenile offender registrant then is employed if the offender or public registry-qualified juvenile offender registrant does not reside or have a temporary domicile in this state and has been employed at any location or locations in this state for more than three days or for an aggregate period of fourteen or more days in that calendar year.

(5) An offender or a delinquent child who is a public registry-qualified juvenile offender registrant is not required to register under division (A)(2), (3), or (4) of this section if a court issues an order terminating the offender's or delinquent child's duty to comply with *sections 2950.04, 2950.041 [2950.04.1], 2950.05, and 2950.06 of the Revised Code* pursuant to *section 2950.15 of the Revised Code*. A delinquent child who is a juvenile offender registrant but is not a public registry-qualified juvenile offender registrant is not required to register under any of those divisions if a juvenile court issues an order declassifying the delinquent child as a juvenile offender registrant pursuant to *section 2152.84 or 2152.85 of the Revised Code*.

(B) An offender or delinquent child who is required by division (A) of this section to register in this state personally shall obtain from the sheriff or from a designee of the sheriff a registration form that conforms to division (C) of this section, shall complete and sign the form, and shall return the completed form together with the offender's or delinquent child's photograph, copies of travel and immigration documents, and any other required material to the sheriff or the designee. The sheriff or designee shall sign the form and indicate on the form the date on which it is so returned. The registration required under this division is complete when the offender or delinquent child returns the form, containing the requisite information, photograph, other required material, signatures, and date, to the sheriff or designee.

(C) The registration form to be used under divisions (A) and (B) of this section shall include or contain all of the following for the offender or delinquent child who is registering:

(1) The offender's or delinquent child's name and any aliases used by the offender or delinquent child;

(2) The offender's or delinquent child's social security number and date of birth, including any alternate social security numbers or dates of birth that the offender or delinquent child has used or uses;

(3) Regarding an offender or delinquent child who is registering under a duty imposed under division (A)(1) of this section, a statement that the offender is serving a prison term, term of imprisonment, or any other type of confinement or a statement that the delinquent child is in the custody of the department of youth services or is confined in a secure facility that is not operated by the department;

(4) Regarding an offender or delinquent child who is registering under a duty imposed under division (A)(2), (3), or (4) of this section as a result of the offender or delinquent child residing in this state or temporarily being domiciled in this state for more than three days, the current residence address of the offender or delinquent child who is registering, the name and address of the offender's or delinquent child's employer if the offender or delinquent child is employed at the time of registration or if the offender or delinquent child knows at the time of registration that the offender

or delinquent child will be commencing employment with that employer subsequent to registration, any other employment information, such as the general area where the offender or delinquent child is employed, if the offender or delinquent child is employed in many locations, and the name and address of the offender's or public registry-qualified juvenile offender registrant's school or institution of higher education if the offender or public registry-qualified juvenile offender registrant attends one at the time of registration or if the offender or public registry-qualified juvenile offender registrant knows at the time of registration that the offender or public registry-qualified juvenile offender registrant will be commencing attendance at that school or institution subsequent to registration;

(5) Regarding an offender or public registry-qualified juvenile offender registrant who is registering under a duty imposed under division (A)(2), (3), or (4) of this section as a result of the offender or public registry-qualified juvenile offender registrant attending a school or institution of higher education in this state on a full-time or part-time basis or being employed in this state or in a particular county in this state, whichever is applicable, for more than three days or for an aggregate of fourteen or more days in any calendar year, the name and current address of the school, institution of higher education, or place of employment of the offender or public registry-qualified juvenile offender registrant who is registering, including any other employment information, such as the general area where the offender or public registry-qualified juvenile offender registrant is employed, if the offender or public registry-qualified juvenile offender registrant is employed in many locations;

(6) The identification license plate number of each vehicle the offender or delinquent child owns, of each vehicle registered in the offender's or delinquent child's name, of each vehicle the offender or delinquent child operates as a part of employment, and of each other vehicle that is regularly available to be operated by the offender or delinquent child; a description of where each vehicle is habitually parked, stored, docked, or otherwise kept; and, if required by the bureau of criminal identification and investigation, a photograph of each of those vehicles;

(7) If the offender or delinquent child has a driver's or commercial driver's license or permit issued by this state or any other state or a state identification card issued under *section 4507.50 or 4507.51 of the Revised Code* or a comparable identification card issued by another state, the driver's license number, commercial driver's license number, or state identification card number;

(8) If the offender or delinquent child was convicted of, pleaded guilty to, or was adjudicated a delinquent child for committing the sexually oriented offense resulting in the registration duty in a court in another state, in a federal court, military court, or Indian tribal court, or in a court in any nation other than the United States, a DNA specimen, as defined in *section 109.573 [109.57.3] of the Revised Code*, from the offender or delinquent child, a citation for, and the name of, the sexually oriented offense resulting in the registration duty, and a certified copy of a document that describes the text of that sexually oriented offense;

(9) A description of each professional and occupational license, permit, or registration, including those licenses, permits, and registrations issued under Title XLVII of the Revised Code, held by the offender or delinquent child;

(10) Any email addresses, internet identifiers, or telephone numbers registered to or used by the offender or delinquent child;

(11) Any other information required by the bureau of criminal identification and investigation.

(D) After an offender or delinquent child registers with a sheriff, or the sheriff's designee, pursuant to this section, the sheriff, or the sheriff's designee, shall forward the signed, written registration form, photograph, and other material to the bureau of criminal identification and investigation in accordance with the forwarding procedures adopted pursuant to *section 2950.13 of the Revised Code*. If an offender registers a school, institution of higher education, or place of employment address, or provides a school or institution of higher education address under division (C)(4) of this section, the sheriff also shall provide notice to the law enforcement agency with jurisdiction over the premises of the school, institution of higher education, or place of employment of the offender's name and that the offender has registered that address as a place at which the offender attends school or an institution of higher education or at which the offender is employed. The bureau shall include the information and materials forwarded to it under this division in the state registry of sex offenders and child victim offenders established and maintained under *section 2950.13 of the Revised Code*.

(E) No person who is required to register pursuant to divisions (A) and (B) of this section, and no person who is required to send a notice of intent to reside pursuant to division (G) of this section, shall fail to register or send the notice of intent as required in accordance with those divisions or that division.

(F) An offender or delinquent child who is required to register pursuant to divisions (A) and (B) of this section shall register pursuant to this section for the period of time specified in *section 2950.07 of the Revised Code*, with the duty commencing on the date specified in division (A) of that section.

(G) If an offender or delinquent child who is required by division (A) of this section to register is a tier III sex offender/child-victim offender, the offender or delinquent child also shall send the sheriff, or the sheriff's designee, of the county in which the offender or delinquent child intends to reside written notice of the offender's or delinquent child's intent to reside in the county. The offender or delinquent child shall send the notice of intent to reside at least twenty days prior to the date the offender or delinquent child begins to reside in the county. The notice of intent to reside shall contain the following information:

- (1) The offender's or delinquent child's name;
- (2) The address or addresses at which the offender or delinquent child intends to reside;
- (3) The sexually oriented offense of which the offender was convicted, to which the offender pleaded guilty, or for which the child was adjudicated a delinquent child

(H) If, immediately prior to January 1, 2008, an offender or delinquent child who was convicted of, pleaded guilty to, or was adjudicated a delinquent child for committing a sexually oriented offense or a child-victim oriented offense as those terms were defined in *section 2950.01 of the Revised Code* prior to January 1, 2008, was required by division (A) of this section or *section 2950.041 [2950.04.1] of the Revised Code* to register and if, on or after January 1, 2008, that offense is a sexually oriented offense as that term is defined in *section 2950.01 of the Revised Code* on and after January 1, 2008, the duty to register that is imposed pursuant to this section on and after January 1, 2008, shall be considered, for purposes of *section 2950.07 of the Revised Code* and for all other purposes, to be a continuation of the duty imposed upon the offender or delinquent child prior to January 1, 2008, under this section or *section 2950.041 [2950.04.1] of the Revised Code*.

146 v H 180 (Eff 7-1-97); 147 v H 565 (Eff 3-30-99); 148 v H 502 (Eff 3-15-2001); 149 v S 3 (Eff 1-1-2002); 149 v S 175 (Eff 5-7-2002); 149 v H 485 (Eff 6-13-2002); 149 v H 393. Eff 7-5-2002; 150 v S 5, § 1, eff. 7-31-03; 150 v H 473, § 1, eff. 4-29-05; 152 v S 10, § 1, eff. 1-1-08.

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§ 2950.05. Notice of change of address; registration of new address; notice of change in vehicle information, email addresses, internet identifiers, or telephone numbers

(A) If an offender or delinquent child is required to register pursuant to division (A)(2), (3), or (4) of *section 2950.04* or *2950.041 [2950.04.1]* of the Revised Code, the delinquent child if not a public registry-qualified juvenile offender registrant shall provide written notice of any change of residence address, and the offender and public registry-qualified juvenile offender registrant shall provide notice of any change of residence, school, institution of higher education, or place of employment address, to the sheriff with whom the offender or delinquent child most recently registered the address under division (A)(2), (3), or (4) of *section 2950.04* or *2950.041 [2950.04.1]* of the Revised Code or under division (B) of this section. A written notice of a change of school, institution of higher education, or place of employment address also shall include the name of the new school, institution of higher education, or place of employment. The delinquent child if not a public registry-qualified juvenile offender registrant shall provide the written notice at least twenty days prior to changing the residence address, and the offender and public registry-qualified juvenile offender registrant shall provide the written notice at least twenty days prior to changing the address of the residence, school, or institution of higher education and not later than three days after changing the address of the place of employment. They shall provide the written notices during the period they are required to register. If a residence address change is not to a fixed address, the offender or delinquent child shall include in that notice a detailed description of the place or places at which the offender or delinquent child intends to stay and, not later than the end of the first business day immediately following the day on which the person obtains a fixed residence address, shall provide that sheriff written notice of that fixed residence address. If a person whose residence address change is not to a fixed address describes in a notice under this division the place or places at which the person intends to stay, for purposes of divisions (C) to (I) of this section, *sections 2950.06 to 2950.13 of the Revised Code*, and *sections 311.171 [311.17.1]* and *2919.24 of the Revised Code*, the place or places so described in the notice shall be considered the person's residence address and registered residence address until the person provides the written notice of a fixed residence address as described in this division.

(B) If an offender or public registry-qualified juvenile offender registrant is required to provide notice of a residence, school, institution of higher education, or place of employment address change under division (A) of this section, or a delinquent child who is not a public registry-qualified juvenile offender registrant is required to provide notice of a residence address change under that division, the offender or delinquent child, at least twenty days prior to changing the residence, school, or institution of higher education address and not later than three days after changing the place of employment address, as applicable, also shall register the new address in the manner, and using the form, described in divisions (B) and (C) of *section 2950.04* or *2950.041 [2950.04.1]* of the Revised Code, whichever is applicable, with the sheriff of the county in which the offender's or delinquent child's new address is located, subject to division (C) of this section. If a residence address change is not to a fixed address, the offender or delinquent child shall include in the registration a detailed description of the place or places at which the offender or delinquent child intends to stay and, not

later than the end of the first business day immediately following the day on which the person obtains a fixed residence address, shall register with that sheriff that fixed residence address. If a person whose residence address change is not to a fixed address describes in a registration under this division the place or places at which the person intends to stay, for purposes of divisions (C) to (I) of this section, *sections 2950.06 to 2950.13 of the Revised Code*, and *sections 311.171 [311.17.1] and 2919.24 of the Revised Code*, the place or places so described in the registration shall be considered the person's residence address and registered residence address, until the person registers a fixed residence address as described in this division.

(C) Divisions (A) and (B) of this section apply to a person who is required to register pursuant to division (A)(2), (3), or (4) of *section 2950.04 or 2950.041 [2950.04.1] of the Revised Code* regardless of whether the new residence, school, institution of higher education, or place of employment address is in this state or in another state. If the new address is in another state, the person shall register with the appropriate law enforcement officials in that state in the manner required under the law of that state and within the earlier of the period of time required under the law of that state or at least seven days prior to changing the address.

(D) If an offender or delinquent child who is a public registry-qualified juvenile offender registrant is required to register pursuant to division (A)(2), (3), or (4) of *section 2950.04 or 2950.041 [2950.04.1] of the Revised Code*, the offender or public registry-qualified juvenile offender registrant shall provide written notice, within three days of the change, of any change in vehicle information, email addresses, internet identifiers, or telephone numbers registered to or used by the offender or registrant to the sheriff with whom the offender or registrant has most recently registered under division (A)(2), (3), or (4) of *section 2950.04 or 2950.041 [2950.04.1] of the Revised Code*.

(E) (1) Upon receiving from an offender or delinquent child pursuant to division (A) of this section notice of a change of the offender's or public registry-qualified juvenile offender registrant's residence, school, institution of higher education, or place of employment address or the residence address of a delinquent child who is not a public registry-qualified juvenile offender registrant, a sheriff promptly shall forward the new address to the bureau of criminal identification and investigation in accordance with the forwarding procedures adopted pursuant to *section 2950.13 of the Revised Code* if the new address is in another state or, if the new address is located in another county in this state, to the sheriff of that county. Upon receiving from an offender or public registry-qualified juvenile offender registrant notice of vehicle and identifier changes pursuant to division (D) of this section, a sheriff promptly shall forward the new information to the bureau of criminal identification and investigation in accordance with the forwarding procedures adopted pursuant to *section 2950.13 of the Revised Code*. The bureau shall include all information forwarded to it under this division in the state registry of sex offenders and child-victim offenders established and maintained under *section 2950.13 of the Revised Code* and shall forward notice of the offender's or delinquent child's new residence, school, institution of higher education, or place of employment address, as applicable, to the appropriate officials in the other state.

(2) When an offender or public registry-qualified juvenile offender registrant registers a new residence, school, institution of higher education, or place of employment address or a delinquent child who is not a public registry-qualified juvenile offender registrant registers a new residence address pursuant to division (B) of this section, the sheriff with whom the offender or delinquent child registers and the bureau of criminal identification and investigation shall comply with division (D) of *section 2950.04 or 2950.041 [2950.04.1] of the Revised Code*, whichever is applicable.

(F) (1) No person who is required to notify a sheriff of a change of address pursuant to division (A) of this section or a change in vehicle information or identifiers pursuant to division (D) of this section shall fail to notify the appropriate sheriff in accordance with that division.

(2) No person who is required to register a new residence, school, institution of higher education, or place of employment address with a sheriff or with an official of another state pursuant to divisions (B) and (C) of this section shall fail to register with the appropriate sheriff or official of the other state in accordance with those divisions.

(G) (1) It is an affirmative defense to a charge of a violation of division (F)(1) of this section that it was impossible for the person to provide the written notice to the sheriff as required under division (A) of this section because of a lack of knowledge, on the date specified for the provision of the written notice, of a residence, school, institution of higher education, or place of employment address change, and that the person provided notice of the residence, school, institution of higher education, or place of employment address change to the sheriff specified in division (A) of this section as soon as possible, but not later than the end of the first business day, after learning of the address change by doing either of the following:

(a) The person provided notice of the address change to the sheriff specified in division (A) of this section by telephone immediately upon learning of the address change or, if the person did not have reasonable access to a telephone at that time, as soon as possible, but not later than the end of the first business day, after learning of the address change and having reasonable access to a telephone, and the person, as soon as possible, but not later than the end of the first business day, after providing notice of the address change to the sheriff by telephone, provided written notice of the address change to that sheriff.

(b) The person, as soon as possible, but not later than the end of the first business day, after learning of the address change, provided written notice of the address change to the sheriff specified in division (A) of this section.

(2) It is an affirmative defense to a charge of a violation of division (F)(2) of this section that it was impossible for the person to register the new address with the sheriff or the official of the other state as required under division (B) or (C) of this section because of a lack of knowledge, on the date specified for the registration of the new address, of a residence, school, institution of higher education, or place of employment address change, and that the person registered the new residence, school, institution of higher education, or place of employment address with the sheriff or the official of the other state specified in division (B) or (C) of this section as soon as possible, but not later than the end of the first business day, after learning of the address change by doing either of the following:

(a) The person provided notice of the new address to the sheriff or official specified in division (B) or (C) of this section by telephone immediately upon learning of the new address or, if the person did not have reasonable access to a telephone at that time, as soon as possible, but not later than the end of the first business day, after learning of the new address and having reasonable access to a telephone, and the person, as soon as possible, but not later than the end of the first business day, after providing notice of the new address to the sheriff or official by telephone, registered the new address with that sheriff or official in accordance with division (B) or (C) of this section.

(b) The person, as soon as possible, but not later than the end of the first business day, after learning of the new address, registered the new address with the sheriff or official specified in division (B) or (C) of this section, in accordance with that division.

(H) An offender or delinquent child who is required to comply with divisions (A), (B), and (C) of this section shall do so for the period of time specified in *section 2950.07 of the Revised Code*.

(I) As used in this section, and in all other sections of the Revised Code that refer to the duties imposed on an offender or delinquent child under this section relative to a change in the offender's or delinquent child's residence, school, institution of higher education, or place of employment address, "change in address" includes any circumstance in which the old address for the person in question no longer is accurate, regardless of whether the person in question has a new address.

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§ 2950.06. Periodic verification of current address

(A) An offender or delinquent child who is required to register a residence address pursuant to division (A)(2), (3), or (4) of *section 2950.04* or *2950.041 [2950.04.1]* of the Revised Code shall periodically verify the offender's or delinquent child's current residence address, and an offender or public registry-qualified juvenile offender registrant who is required to register a school, institution of higher education, or place of employment address pursuant to any of those divisions shall periodically verify the address of the offender's or public registry-qualified juvenile offender registrant's current school, institution of higher education, or place of employment, in accordance with this section. The frequency of verification shall be determined in accordance with division (B) of this section, and the manner of verification shall be determined in accordance with division (C) of this section.

(B) The frequency with which an offender or delinquent child must verify the offender's or delinquent child's current residence, school, institution of higher education, or place of employment address pursuant to division (A) of this section shall be determined as follows:

(1) Regardless of when the sexually oriented offense or child-victim oriented offense for which the offender or delinquent child is required to register was committed, if the offender or delinquent child is a tier I sex offender/child-victim offender, the offender shall verify the offender's current residence address or current school, institution of higher education, or place of employment address, and the delinquent child shall verify the delinquent child's current residence address, in accordance with division (C) of this section on each anniversary of the offender's or delinquent child's initial registration date during the period the offender or delinquent child is required to register

(2) Regardless of when the sexually oriented offense or child-victim oriented offense for which the offender or delinquent child is required to register was committed, if the offender or delinquent child is a tier II sex offender/child-victim offender, the offender shall verify the offender's current residence address or current school, institution of higher education, or place of employment address, and the delinquent child shall verify the delinquent child's current residence address, in accordance with division (C) of this section every one hundred eighty days after the offender's or delinquent child's initial registration date during the period the offender or delinquent child is required to register.

(3) Regardless of when the sexually oriented offense or child-victim oriented offense for which the offender or delinquent child is required to register was committed, if the offender or delinquent child is a tier III sex offender/child-victim offender, the offender shall verify the offender's current residence address or current school, institution of higher education, or place of employment address, and the delinquent child shall verify the delinquent child's current residence address and, if the delinquent child is a public registry-qualified juvenile offender registrant, the current school, institution of higher education, or place of employment address, in accordance with division (C) of this section every ninety

days after the offender's or delinquent child's initial registration date during the period the offender or delinquent child is required to register.

(4) If, prior to January 1, 2008, an offender or delinquent child registered with a sheriff under a duty imposed under *section 2950.04 or 2950.041 [2950.04.1] of the Revised Code* as a result of a conviction of, plea of guilty to, or adjudication as a delinquent child for committing a sexually oriented offense or a child-victim oriented offense as those terms were defined in *section 2950.01 of the Revised Code* prior to January 1, 2008, the duty to register that is imposed on the offender or delinquent child pursuant to *section 2950.04 or 2950.041 [2950.04.1] of the Revised Code* on and after January 1, 2008, is a continuation of the duty imposed upon the offender prior to January 1, 2008, under *section 2950.04 or 2950.041 [2950.04.1] of the Revised Code* and, for purposes of divisions (B)(1), (2), and (3) of this section, the offender's initial registration date related to that offense is the date on which the offender initially registered under *section 2950.04 or 2950.041 [2950.04.1] of the Revised Code*.

(C) (1) An offender or delinquent child who is required to verify the offender's or delinquent child's current residence, school, institution of higher education, or place of employment address pursuant to division (A) of this section shall verify the address with the sheriff with whom the offender or delinquent child most recently registered the address by personally appearing before the sheriff or a designee of the sheriff, no earlier than ten days before the date on which the verification is required pursuant to division (B) of this section and no later than the date so required for verification, and completing and signing a copy of the verification form prescribed by the bureau of criminal identification and investigation. The sheriff or designee shall sign the completed form and indicate on the form the date on which it is so completed. The verification required under this division is complete when the offender or delinquent child personally appears before the sheriff or designee and completes and signs the form as described in this division.

(2) To facilitate the verification of an offender's or delinquent child's current residence, school, institution of higher education, or place of employment address, as applicable, under division (C)(1) of this section, the sheriff with whom the offender or delinquent child most recently registered the address may mail a nonforwardable verification form prescribed by the bureau of criminal identification and investigation to the offender's or delinquent child's last reported address and to the last reported address of the parents of the delinquent child, with a notice that conspicuously states that the offender or delinquent child must personally appear before the sheriff or a designee of the sheriff to complete the form and the date by which the form must be so completed. Regardless of whether a sheriff mails a form to an offender or delinquent child and that child's parents, each offender or delinquent child who is required to verify the offender's or delinquent child's current residence, school, institution of higher education, or place of employment address, as applicable, pursuant to division (A) of this section shall personally appear before the sheriff or a designee of the sheriff to verify the address in accordance with division (C)(1) of this section.

(D) The verification form to be used under division (C) of this section shall contain all of the following:

(1) Except as provided in division (D)(2) of this section, the current residence address of the offender or delinquent child, the name and address of the offender's or delinquent child's employer if the offender or delinquent child is employed at the time of verification or if the offender or delinquent child knows at the time of verification that the offender or delinquent child will be commencing employment with that employer subsequent to verification, the name and address of the offender's or public registry-qualified juvenile offender registrant's school or institution of higher education if the offender or public registry-qualified juvenile offender registrant attends one at the time of verification or if the offender or public registry-qualified juvenile offender registrant knows at the time of verification that the offender will be commencing attendance at that school or institution subsequent to verification, and any other information required by the bureau of criminal identification and investigation.

(2) Regarding an offender or public registry-qualified juvenile offender registrant who is verifying a current school, institution of higher education, or place of employment address, the name and current address of the school, institution of higher education, or place of employment of the offender or public registry-qualified juvenile offender registrant and any other information required by the bureau of criminal identification and investigation.

(E) Upon an offender's or delinquent child's personal appearance and completion of a verification form under division (C) of this section, a sheriff promptly shall forward a copy of the verification form to the bureau of criminal identification and investigation in accordance with the forwarding procedures adopted by the attorney general pursuant to *section 2950.13 of the Revised Code*. If an offender or public registry-qualified juvenile offender registrant verifies a school, institution of higher education, or place of employment address, or provides a school or institution of higher education address under division (D)(1) of this section, the sheriff also shall provide notice to the law enforcement agency with jurisdiction over the premises of the school, institution of higher education, or place of employment of the

offender's or public registry-qualified juvenile offender registrant's name and that the offender or public registry-qualified juvenile offender registrant has verified or provided that address as a place at which the offender or public registry-qualified juvenile offender registrant attends school or an institution of higher education or at which the offender or public registry-qualified juvenile offender registrant is employed. The bureau shall include all information forwarded to it under this division in the state registry of sex offenders and child-victim offenders established and maintained under *section 2950.13 of the Revised Code*.

(F) No person who is required to verify a current residence, school, institution of higher education, or place of employment address, as applicable, pursuant to divisions (A) to (C) of this section shall fail to verify a current residence, school, institution of higher education, or place of employment address, as applicable, in accordance with those divisions by the date required for the verification as set forth in division (B) of this section, provided that no person shall be prosecuted or subjected to a delinquent child proceeding for a violation of this division, and that no parent, guardian, or custodian of a delinquent child shall be prosecuted for a violation of *section 2919.24 of the Revised Code* based on the delinquent child's violation of this division, prior to the expiration of the period of time specified in division (G) of this section.

(G) (1) If an offender or delinquent child fails to verify a current residence, school, institution of higher education, or place of employment address, as applicable, as required by divisions (A) to (C) of this section by the date required for the verification as set forth in division (B) of this section, the sheriff with whom the offender or delinquent child is required to verify the current address, on the day following that date required for the verification, shall send a written warning to the offender or to the delinquent child and that child's parents, at the offender's or delinquent child's and that child's parents' last known residence, school, institution of higher education, or place of employment address, as applicable, regarding the offender's or delinquent child's duty to verify the offender's or delinquent child's current residence, school, institution of higher education, or place of employment address, as applicable.

The written warning shall do all of the following:

(a) Identify the sheriff who sends it and the date on which it is sent;

(b) State conspicuously that the offender or delinquent child has failed to verify the offender's or public registry-qualified juvenile offender registrant's current residence, school, institution of higher education, or place of employment address or the current residence address of a delinquent child who is not a public registry-qualified juvenile offender registrant by the date required for the verification;

(c) Conspicuously state that the offender or delinquent child has seven days from the date on which the warning is sent to verify the current residence, school, institution of higher education, or place of employment address, as applicable, with the sheriff who sent the warning;

(d) Conspicuously state that a failure to timely verify the specified current address or addresses is a felony offense;

(e) Conspicuously state that, if the offender or public registry-qualified juvenile offender registrant verifies the current residence, school, institution of higher education, or place of employment address or the delinquent child who is not a public registry-qualified juvenile offender registrant verifies the current residence address with that sheriff within that seven-day period, the offender or delinquent child will not be prosecuted or subjected to a delinquent child proceeding for a failure to timely verify a current address and the delinquent child's parent, guardian, or custodian will not be prosecuted based on a failure of the delinquent child to timely verify an address;

(f) Conspicuously state that, if the offender or public registry-qualified juvenile offender registrant does not verify the current residence, school, institution of higher education, or place of employment address or the delinquent child who is not a public registry-qualified juvenile offender registrant does not verify the current residence address with that sheriff within that seven-day period, the offender or delinquent child will be arrested or taken into custody, as appropriate, and prosecuted or subjected to a delinquent child proceeding for a failure to timely verify a current address and the delinquent child's parent, guardian, or custodian may be prosecuted for a violation of *section 2919.24 of the Revised Code* based on the delinquent child's failure to timely verify a current residence address.

(2) If an offender or delinquent child fails to verify a current residence, school, institution of higher education, or place of employment address, as applicable, as required by divisions (A) to (C) of this section by the date required for the verification as set forth in division (B) of this section, the offender or delinquent child shall not be prosecuted or subjected to a delinquent child proceeding for a violation of division (F) of this section, and the delinquent child's par-

ent, guardian, or custodian shall not be prosecuted for a violation of *section 2919.24 of the Revised Code* based on the delinquent child's failure to timely verify a current residence address and, if the delinquent child is a public registry-qualified juvenile offender registrant, the current school, institution of higher education, or place of employment address, as applicable, unless the seven-day period subsequent to that date that the offender or delinquent child is provided under division (G)(1) of this section to verify the current address has expired and the offender or delinquent child, prior to the expiration of that seven-day period, has not verified the current address. Upon the expiration of the seven-day period that the offender or delinquent child is provided under division (G)(1) of this section to verify the current address, if the offender or delinquent child has not verified the current address, all of the following apply:

(a) The sheriff with whom the offender or delinquent child is required to verify the current residence, school, institution of higher education, or place of employment address, as applicable, promptly shall notify the bureau of criminal identification and investigation of the failure.

(b) The sheriff with whom the offender or delinquent child is required to verify the current residence, school, institution of higher education, or place of employment address, as applicable, the sheriff of the county in which the offender or delinquent child resides, the sheriff of the county in which is located the offender's or public registry-qualified juvenile offender registrant's school, institution of higher education, or place of employment address that was to be verified, or a deputy of the appropriate sheriff, shall locate the offender or delinquent child, promptly shall seek a warrant for the arrest or taking into custody, as appropriate, of the offender or delinquent child for the violation of division (F) of this section and shall arrest the offender or take the child into custody, as appropriate.

(c) The offender or delinquent child is subject to prosecution or a delinquent child proceeding for the violation of division (F) of this section, and the delinquent child's parent, guardian, or custodian may be subject to prosecution for a violation of *section 2919.24 of the Revised Code* based on the delinquent child's violation of that division.

(H) An offender or public registry-qualified juvenile offender registrant who is required to verify the offender's or public registry-qualified juvenile offender registrant's current residence, school, institution of higher education, or place of employment address pursuant to divisions (A) to (C) of this section and a delinquent child who is not a public registry-qualified juvenile offender registrant who is required to verify the delinquent child's current residence address pursuant to those divisions shall do so for the period of time specified in *section 2950.07 of the Revised Code*.

146 v H 180 (Eff 7-1-97); 147 v H 565 (Eff 3-30-99); 149 v S 3 (Eff 1-1-2002); 149 v H 485. Eff 6-13-2002; 150 v S 5, § 1, eff. 7-31-03; 152 v S 10, § 1, eff. 1-1-08.

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§ 2950.07. Commencement of duty to register; duration

(A) The duty of an offender who is convicted of, pleads guilty to, has been convicted of, or has pleaded guilty to a sexually oriented offense or a child-victim oriented offense and the duty of a delinquent child who is or has been adjudicated a delinquent child for committing a sexually oriented offense or a child-victim oriented offense and is classified a juvenile offender registrant or who is an out-of-state juvenile offender registrant to comply with *sections 2950.04, 2950.041 [2950.04.1], 2950.05, and 2950.06 of the Revised Code* commences on whichever of the following dates is applicable:

(1) If the offender's duty to register is imposed pursuant to division (A)(1)(a) of section 2950.04 or division (A)(1)(a) of *section 2950.041 [2950.04.1] of the Revised Code*, the offender's duty to comply with those sections commences immediately after the entry of the judgment of conviction.

(2) If the delinquent child's duty to register is imposed pursuant to division (A)(1)(b) of section 2950.04 or division (A)(1)(b) of *section 2950.041 [2950.04.1] of the Revised Code*, the delinquent child's duty to comply with those sections commences immediately after the order of disposition.

(3) If the offender's duty to register is imposed pursuant to division (A)(2) of section 2950.04 or division (A)(2) of *section 2950.041 [2950.04.1] of the Revised Code*, subject to division (A)(7) of this section, the offender's duty to comply with those sections commences on the date of the offender's release from a prison term, a term of imprisonment, or any other type of confinement, or if the offender is not sentenced to a prison term, a term of imprisonment, or any other type of confinement, on the date of the entry of the judgment of conviction of the sexually oriented offense or child-victim oriented offense.

(4) If the offender's or delinquent child's duty to register is imposed pursuant to division (A)(4) of section 2950.04 or division (A)(4) of *section 2950.041 [2950.04.1] of the Revised Code*, the offender's duty to comply with those sections commences regarding residence addresses on the date that the offender begins to reside or becomes temporarily domiciled in this state, the offender's duty regarding addresses of schools, institutions of higher education, and places of employment commences on the date the offender begins attending any school or institution of higher education in this state on a full-time or part-time basis or becomes employed in this state, and the delinquent child's duty commences on the date the delinquent child begins to reside or becomes temporarily domiciled in this state.

(5) If the delinquent child's duty to register is imposed pursuant to division (A)(3) of section 2950.04 or division (A)(3) of *section 2950.041 [2950.04.1] of the Revised Code*, if the delinquent child's classification as a juvenile offender registrant is made at the time of the child's disposition for that sexually oriented offense or child-victim oriented offense, whichever is applicable, and if the delinquent child is committed for the sexually oriented offense or child-victim oriented offense to the department of youth services or to a secure facility that is not operated by the department,

the delinquent child's duty to comply with those sections commences on the date of the delinquent child's discharge or release from custody in the department of youth services secure facility or from the secure facility not operated by the department as described in that division.

(6) If the delinquent child's duty to register is imposed pursuant to division (A)(3) of section 2950.04 or division (A)(3) of *section 2950.041 [2950.04.1] of the Revised Code* and if either the delinquent child's classification as a juvenile offender registrant is made at the time of the child's disposition for that sexually oriented offense or child-victim oriented offense, whichever is applicable, and the delinquent child is not committed for the sexually oriented offense or child-victim oriented offense to the department of youth services or to a secure facility that is not operated by the department or the child's classification as a juvenile offender registrant is made pursuant to section 2152.83 or division (A)(2) of *section 2152.86 of the Revised Code*, subject to divisions (A)(7) of this section, the delinquent child's duty to comply with those sections commences on the date of entry of the court's order that classifies the delinquent child a juvenile offender registrant.

(7) If the offender's or delinquent child's duty to register is imposed pursuant to division (A)(2), (3), or (4) of *section 2950.04* or *section 2950.041 [2950.04.1] of the Revised Code* and if the offender or delinquent child prior to January 1, 2008, has registered a residence, school, institution of higher education, or place of employment address pursuant to *section 2950.04*, *2950.041 [2950.04.1]*, or *2950.05 of the Revised Code* as they existed prior to that date, the offender or delinquent child initially shall register in accordance with *section 2950.04* or *2950.041 of the Revised Code*, whichever is applicable, as it exists on and after January 1, 2008, not later than the earlier of the dates specified in divisions (A)(7)(a) and (b) of this section. The offender's or delinquent child's duty to comply thereafter with *sections 2950.04*, *2950.041 [2950.04.1]*, *2950.05*, and *2950.06 of the Revised Code* as they exist on and after January 1, 2008, commences on the date of that initial registration. The offender or delinquent child initially shall register under *section 2950.04* or *2950.041 [2950.04.1] of the Revised Code* as it exists on and after January 1, 2008, not later than the earlier of the following:

(a) The date that is six months after the date on which the offender or delinquent child received a registered letter from the attorney general under division (A)(2) or (B) of *section 2950.031 [2950.03.1] of the Revised Code*;

(b) The earlier of the date on which the offender or delinquent child would be required to verify a previously registered address under *section 2950.06 of the Revised Code* as it exists on and after January 1, 2008, or, if the offender or delinquent child has changed a previously registered address, the date on which the offender or delinquent child would be required to register a new residence, school, institution of higher education, or place of employment address under *section 2950.05 of the Revised Code* as it exists on and after January 1, 2008.

(8) If the offender's or delinquent child's duty to register was imposed pursuant to *section 2950.04* or *2950.041 [2950.04.1] of the Revised Code* as they existed prior to January 1, 2008, the offender's or delinquent child's duty to comply with *sections 2950.04*, *2950.041 [2950.04.1]*, *2950.05*, and *2950.06 of the Revised Code* as they exist on and after January 1, 2008, is a continuation of the offender's or delinquent child's former duty to register imposed prior to January 1, 2008, under *section 2950.04* or *2950.041 [2950.04.1] of the Revised Code* and shall be considered for all purposes as having commenced on the date that the offender's duty under that section commenced.

(B) The duty of an offender who is convicted of, pleads guilty to, has been convicted of, or has pleaded guilty to a sexually oriented offense or a child-victim oriented offense and the duty of a delinquent child who is or has been adjudicated a delinquent child for committing a sexually oriented offense or a child-victim oriented offense and is classified a juvenile offender registrant or who is an out-of-state juvenile offender registrant to comply with *sections 2950.04*, *2950.041 [2950.04.1]*, *2950.05*, and *2950.06 of the Revised Code* continues, after the date of commencement, for whichever of the following periods is applicable:

(1) Except as otherwise provided in this division, if the person is an offender who is a tier III sex offender/child-victim offender relative to the sexually oriented offense or child-victim oriented offense, if the person is a delinquent child who is a tier III sex offender/child-victim offender relative to the sexually oriented offense or child-victim oriented offense, or if the person is a delinquent child who is a public registry-qualified juvenile offender registrant relative to the sexually oriented offense, the offender's or delinquent child's duty to comply with those sections continues until the offender's or delinquent child's death. Regarding a delinquent child who is a tier III sex offender/child-victim offender relative to the offense but is not a public registry-qualified juvenile offender registrant relative to the offense, if the judge who made the disposition for the delinquent child or that judge's successor in office subsequently enters a determination pursuant to *section 2152.84* or *2152.85 of the Revised Code* that the delinquent child no longer is a tier III sex offender/child-victim offender, the delinquent child's duty to comply with those sections continues for the period of

time that is applicable to the delinquent child under division (B)(2) or (3) of this section, based on the reclassification of the child pursuant to *section 2152.84* or *2152.85* of the Revised Code as a tier I sex offender/child-victim offender or a tier II sex offender/child-victim offender. In no case shall the lifetime duty to comply that is imposed under this division on an offender who is a tier III sex offender/child-victim offender be removed or terminated. A delinquent child who is a public registry-qualified juvenile offender registrant may have the lifetime duty to register terminated only pursuant to *section 2950.15 of the Revised Code*.

(2) If the person is an offender who is a tier II sex offender/child-victim offender relative to the sexually oriented offense or child-victim oriented offense, the offender's duty to comply with those sections continues for twenty-five years. Except as otherwise provided in this division, if the person is a delinquent child who is a tier II sex offender/child-victim offender relative to the sexually oriented offense or child-victim oriented offense, the delinquent child's duty to comply with those sections continues for twenty years. Regarding a delinquent child who is a tier II sex offender/child-victim offender relative to the offense but is not a public registry-qualified juvenile offender registrant relative to the offense, if the judge who made the disposition for the delinquent child or that judge's successor in office subsequently enters a determination pursuant to *section 2152.84* or *2152.85 of the Revised Code* that the delinquent child no longer is a tier II sex offender/child-victim offender but remains a juvenile offender registrant, the delinquent child's duty to comply with those sections continues for the period of time that is applicable to the delinquent child under division (B)(3) of this section, based on the reclassification of the child pursuant to *section 2152.84* or *2152.85 of the Revised Code* as a tier I sex offender/child-victim offender.

(3) Except as otherwise provided in this division, if the person is an offender who is a tier I sex offender/child-victim offender relative to the sexually oriented offense or child-victim oriented offense, the offender's duty to comply with those sections continues for fifteen years. Except as otherwise provided in this division, if the person is a delinquent child who is a tier I sex offender/child-victim offender relative to the sexually oriented offense or child-victim oriented offense, the delinquent child's duty to comply with those sections continues for ten years. Regarding a delinquent child who is a juvenile offender registrant and a tier I sex offender/child-victim offender but is not a public registry-qualified juvenile offender registrant, if the judge who made the disposition for the delinquent child or that judge's successor in office subsequently enters a determination pursuant to *section 2152.84* or *2152.85 of the Revised Code* that the delinquent child no longer is to be classified a juvenile offender registrant, the delinquent child's duty to comply with those sections terminates upon the court's entry of the determination. A person who is an offender who is a tier I sex offender/child-victim offender may have the fifteen-year duty to register terminated only pursuant to *section 2950.15 of the Revised Code*.

(C) (1) If an offender has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to a sexually oriented offense and the offender subsequently is convicted of or pleads guilty to another sexually oriented offense or a child-victim oriented offense, if an offender has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to a child-victim oriented offense and the offender subsequently is convicted of or pleads guilty to another child-victim oriented offense or a sexually oriented offense, if a delinquent child has been adjudicated a delinquent child for committing a sexually oriented offense and is classified a juvenile offender registrant or is an out-of-state juvenile offender registrant and the child subsequently is adjudicated a delinquent child for committing another sexually oriented offense or a child-victim oriented offense and is classified a juvenile offender registrant relative to that offense or subsequently is convicted of or pleads guilty to another sexually oriented offense or a child-victim oriented offense, or if a delinquent child has been adjudicated a delinquent child for committing a child-victim oriented offense and is classified a juvenile offender registrant or is an out-of-state juvenile offender registrant and the child subsequently is adjudicated a delinquent child for committing another child-victim oriented offense or a sexually oriented offense and is classified a juvenile offender registrant relative to that offense or subsequently is convicted of or pleads guilty to another child-victim oriented offense or a sexually oriented offense, the period of time for which the offender or delinquent child must comply with the sections specified in division (A) of this section shall be separately calculated pursuant to divisions (A)(1) to (8) and (B)(1) to (3) of this section for each of the sexually oriented offenses and child-victim oriented offenses, and the offender or delinquent child shall comply with each separately calculated period of time independently.

If a delinquent child has been adjudicated a delinquent child for committing a sexually oriented offense or a child-victim oriented offense, is classified a juvenile offender registrant or is an out-of-state juvenile offender registrant relative to that offense, and, after attaining eighteen years of age, subsequently is convicted of or pleads guilty to another sexually oriented offense or child-victim oriented offense, the subsequent conviction or guilty plea does not limit, affect, or supersede the duties imposed upon the delinquent child under this chapter relative to the delinquent child's classification as a juvenile offender registrant or as an out-of-state juvenile offender registrant, and the delinquent child

shall comply with both those duties and the duties imposed under this chapter relative to the subsequent conviction or guilty plea.

(2) If a delinquent child has been adjudicated a delinquent child for committing a sexually oriented offense or a child-victim oriented offense and is classified a juvenile offender registrant relative to the offense and if the juvenile judge or the judge's successor in office subsequently reclassifies the offense tier in which the child is classified pursuant to *section 2152.84 or 2152.85 of the Revised Code*, the judge's subsequent determination to reclassify the child does not affect the date of commencement of the delinquent child's duty to comply with *sections 2950.04, 2950.041 [2950.04.1], 2950.05, and 2950.06 of the Revised Code* as determined under division (A) of this section. The child's duty to comply with those sections after the reclassification is a continuation of the child's duty to comply with the sections that was in effect prior to the reclassification, and the duty shall continue for the period of time specified in division (B)(1), (2), or (3) of this section, whichever is applicable.

If, prior to January 1, 2008, an offender had a duty to comply with the sections specified in division (A) of this section as a result of a conviction of or plea of guilty to a sexually oriented offense or child-victim oriented offense as those terms were defined in *section 2950.01 of the Revised Code* prior to January 1, 2008, or a delinquent child had a duty to comply with those sections as a result of an adjudication as a delinquent child for committing one of those offenses as they were defined prior to January 1, 2008, the period of time specified in division (B)(1), (2), or (3) of this section on and after January 1, 2008, for which a person must comply with *sections 2950.04, 2950.041 [2950.04.1], 2950.05, and 2950.06 of the Revised Code* applies to the person, automatically replaces the period of time for which the person had to comply with those sections prior to January 1, 2008, and is a continuation of the person's duty to comply with the sections that was in effect prior to the reclassification. If, prior to January 1, 2008, an offender or a delinquent child had a duty to comply with the sections specified in division (A) of this section, the offender's or delinquent child's classification as a tier I sex offender/child-victim offender, a tier II sex offender/child-victim offender, or a tier III sex offender/child-victim offender for purposes of that period of time shall be determined as specified in *section 2950.031 [2950.03.1] or 2950.032 [2950.03.2] of the Revised Code*, as applicable.

(D) The duty of an offender or delinquent child to register under this chapter is tolled for any period during which the offender or delinquent child is returned to confinement in a secure facility for any reason or imprisoned for an offense when the confinement in a secure facility or imprisonment occurs subsequent to the date determined pursuant to division (A) of this section. The offender's or delinquent child's duty to register under this chapter resumes upon the offender's or delinquent child's release from confinement in a secure facility or imprisonment.

(E) An offender or delinquent child who has been or is convicted, has pleaded or pleads guilty, or has been or is adjudicated a delinquent child, in a court in another state, in a federal court, military court, or Indian tribal court, or in a court of any nation other than the United States for committing a sexually oriented offense or a child-victim oriented offense may apply to the sheriff of the county in which the offender or delinquent child resides or temporarily is domiciled, or in which the offender attends a school or institution of higher education or is employed, for credit against the duty to register for the time that the offender or delinquent child has complied with the sex offender or child-victim offender registration requirements of another jurisdiction. The sheriff shall grant the offender or delinquent child credit against the duty to register for time for which the offender or delinquent child provides adequate proof that the offender or delinquent child has complied with the sex offender or child-victim offender registration requirements of another jurisdiction. If the offender or delinquent child disagrees with the determination of the sheriff, the offender or delinquent child may appeal the determination to the court of common pleas of the county in which the offender or delinquent child resides or is temporarily domiciled, or in which the offender attends a school or institution of higher education or is employed.

146 v H 180 (Eff 7-1-97); 147 v H 565 (Eff 3-30-99); 149 v S 3 (Eff 1-1-2002); 149 v H 485. Eff 6-13-2002; 150 v S 5, § 1, eff. 7-31-03; 152 v S 10, § 1, eff. 1-1-08.

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§ 2950.08. Persons authorized to inspect information and records

(A) Subject to division (B) of this section, the statements, information, photographs, fingerprints, and material required by *sections 2950.04, 2950.041 [2950.04.1], 2950.05, and 2950.06 of the Revised Code* and provided by a person who registers, who provides notice of a change of residence, school, institution of higher education, or place of employment address and registers the new residence, school, institution of higher education, or place of employment address, or who provides verification of a current residence, school, institution of higher education, or place of employment address pursuant to those sections and that are in the possession of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation and the information in the possession of the bureau that was received by the bureau pursuant to *section 2950.14 of the Revised Code* shall not be open to inspection by the public or by any person other than the following persons:

- (1) A regularly employed peace officer or other law enforcement officer;
- (2) An authorized employee of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation for the purpose of providing information to a board, administrator, or person pursuant to division (F) or (G) of *section 109.57 of the Revised Code*;
- (3) The registrar of motor vehicles, or an employee of the registrar of motor vehicles, for the purpose of verifying and updating any of the information so provided, upon the request of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation.

(B) Division (A) of this section does not apply to any information that is contained in the internet sex offender and child-victim offender database established by the attorney general under division (A)(11) of *section 2950.13 of the Revised Code* regarding offenders and that is disseminated as described in that division.

130 v 671 (Eff 10-4-63); 143 v S 140 (Eff 10-2-89); 146 v S 160 (Eff 1-27-97); 146 v H 180. Eff 7-1-97; 150 v S 5, § 1, Eff 7-31-03; 152 v S 10, § 1, eff. 1-1-08.

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§ 2950.09. Repealed

Repealed, 152 v S 10, § 2 [146 v H 180 (Eff 1-1-97); 147 v H 565 (Eff 3-30-99); 148 v H 502 (Eff 3-15-2001); 149 v S 3 (Eff 1-1-2002); 149 v S 175 (Eff 5-7-2002); 149 v H 485 (Eff 6-13-2002); 149 v H 393. Eff 7-5-2002; 150 v S 5, § 1, eff. 7-31-03; 150 v H 473, § 1, eff. 4-29-05; 151 v S 260, § 1, eff. 1-2-07]. Eff 1-1-08.

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§ 2950.10. Notice to victim of offender's or delinquent child's registration or change of information

(A) (1) Regardless of when the sexually oriented offense or child-victim oriented offense was committed, if a person is convicted of, pleads guilty to, has been convicted of, or has pleaded guilty to a sexually oriented offense or a child-victim oriented offense or a person is or has been adjudicated a delinquent child for committing a sexually oriented offense or a child-victim oriented offense and is classified a juvenile offender registrant or is an out-of-state juvenile offender registrant based on that adjudication, if the offender or delinquent child is in any category specified in division (B)(1)(a), (b), or (c) of this section, if the offender or delinquent child registers with a sheriff pursuant to *section 2950.04, 2950.041 [2950.04.1], or 2950.05 of the Revised Code*, and if the victim of the sexually oriented offense or child-victim oriented offense has made a request in accordance with rules adopted by the attorney general that specifies that the victim would like to be provided the notices described in this section, the sheriff shall notify the victim of the sexually oriented offense or child-victim oriented offense, in writing, that the offender or delinquent child has registered and shall include in the notice the offender's name and photograph, and the address or addresses of the offender's residence, school, institution of higher education, or place of employment, as applicable, or the delinquent child's name, photograph, and residence address or addresses. The sheriff shall provide the notice required by this division to the victim at the most recent residence address available for that victim and not later than five days after the offender or delinquent child registers with the sheriff.

(2) Regardless of when the sexually oriented offense or child-victim oriented offense was committed, if a person is convicted of, pleads guilty to, has been convicted of, or has pleaded guilty to a sexually oriented offense or a child-victim oriented offense or a person is or has been adjudicated a delinquent child for committing a sexually oriented offense or a child-victim oriented offense and is classified a juvenile offender registrant or is an out-of-state juvenile offender registrant based on that adjudication, if the offender or delinquent child is in any category specified in division (B)(1)(a), (b), or (c) of this section, if the offender or delinquent child registers with a sheriff pursuant to *section 2950.04, 2950.041 [2950.04.1], or 2950.05 of the Revised Code*, if the victim of the sexually oriented offense or child-victim oriented offense has made a request in accordance with rules adopted by the attorney general that specifies that the victim would like to be provided the notices described in this section, and if the offender notifies the sheriff of a change of residence, school, institution of higher education, or place of employment address or the delinquent child notifies the sheriff of a change of residence address pursuant to *section 2950.05 of the Revised Code*, the sheriff shall notify the victim of the sexually oriented offense or child-victim oriented offense, in writing, that the offender's or delinquent child's address has changed and shall include in the notice the offender's name and photograph, and the new address or addresses of the offender's residence, school, institution of higher education, or place of employment, as applicable, or the delinquent child's name, photograph, and new residence address or addresses. The sheriff shall provide the notice required by this division to the victim at the most recent residence address available for that victim and no later

than five days after the offender or delinquent child notifies the sheriff of the change in the offender's or delinquent child's residence, school, institution of higher education, or place of employment address.

(3) Regardless of when the sexually oriented offense or child-victim oriented offense was committed, if a person is convicted of, pleads guilty to, has been convicted of, or has pleaded guilty to a sexually oriented offense or a child-victim oriented offense or a person is or has been adjudicated a delinquent child for committing a sexually oriented offense or a child-victim oriented offense and is classified a juvenile offender registrant or is an out-of-state juvenile offender registrant based on that adjudication, and if the offender or delinquent child is in any category specified in division (B)(1)(a), (b), or (c) of this section, the victim of the offense may make a request in accordance with rules adopted by the attorney general pursuant to *section 2950.13 of the Revised Code* that specifies that the victim would like to be provided the notices described in divisions (A)(1) and (2) of this section. If the victim makes a request in accordance with those rules, the sheriff described in divisions (A)(1) and (2) of this section shall provide the victim with the notices described in those divisions.

(4) If a victim makes a request as described in division (A)(3) of this section that specifies that the victim would like to be provided the notices described in divisions (A)(1) and (2) of this section, all information a sheriff obtains regarding the victim from or as a result of the request is confidential, and the information is not a public record open for inspection under *section 149.43 of the Revised Code*.

(5) The notices described in divisions (A)(1) and (2) of this section are in addition to any notices regarding the offender or delinquent child that the victim is entitled to receive under Chapter 2930. of the Revised Code.

(B) (1) The duties to provide the notices described in divisions (A)(1) and (2) of this section apply regarding any offender or delinquent child who is in any of the following categories:

(a) The offender is a tier III sex offender/child-victim offender relative to the offense described in division (A) of this section for which a victim requested to be provided notice under that division, or the delinquent child is a public registry-qualified juvenile offender registrant, and a juvenile court has not removed pursuant to *section 2950.15 of the Revised Code* the delinquent child's duty to comply with *sections 2950.04, 2950.041 [2950.04.1], 2950.05, and 2950.06 of the Revised Code*.

(b) The delinquent child is a tier III sex offender/child-victim offender who is not a public-registry qualified juvenile offender registrant, the delinquent child was subjected to this section prior to the effective date of this amendment as a sexual predator, habitual sex offender, child-victim predator, or habitual child-victim offender, as those terms were defined in *section 2950.01 of the Revised Code* as it existed prior to the effective date of this amendment, and a juvenile court has not removed pursuant to *section 2152.84 or 2152.85 of the Revised Code* the delinquent child's duty to comply with *sections 2950.04, 2950.041 [2950.04.1], 2950.05, and 2950.06 of the Revised Code*.

(c) The delinquent child is a tier III sex offender/child-victim offender who is not a public registry-qualified juvenile offender registrant, the delinquent child was classified a juvenile offender registrant on or after the effective date of this amendment, the court has imposed a requirement under *section 2152.82, 2152.83, or 2152.84 of the Revised Code* subjecting the delinquent child to this section, and a juvenile court has not removed pursuant to *section 2152.84 or 2152.85 of the Revised Code* the delinquent child's duty to comply with *sections 2950.04, 2950.041 [2950.04.1], 2950.05, and 2950.06 of the Revised Code*.

(2) A victim of a sexually oriented offense or of a child-victim oriented offense is not entitled to be provided any notice described in division (A)(1) or (2) of this section unless the offender or delinquent child is in a category specified in division (B)(1)(a), (b), or (c) of this section. A victim of a sexually oriented offense or of a child-victim oriented offense is not entitled to any notice described in division (A)(1) or (2) of this section unless the victim makes a request in accordance with rules adopted by the attorney general pursuant to *section 2950.13 of the Revised Code* that specifies that the victim would like to be provided the notices described in divisions (A)(1) and (2) of this section. This division does not affect any rights of a victim of a sexually oriented offense or child-victim oriented offense to be provided notice regarding an offender or delinquent child that are described in Chapter 2930. of the Revised Code.

146 v H 180 (Eff 7-1-97); 147 v H 565 (Eff 3-30-99); 149 v S 3 (Eff 1-1-2002); 149 v H 485. Eff 6-13-2002; 150 v S 5, § 1, Eff 7-31-03; 151 v H 15, § 1, eff. 11-23-05; 152 v S 10, § 1, eff. 1-1-08.

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§ 2950.11. Community notification provisions

(A) Regardless of when the sexually oriented offense or child-victim oriented offense was committed, if a person is convicted of, pleads guilty to, has been convicted of, or has pleaded guilty to a sexually oriented offense or a child-victim oriented offense or a person is or has been adjudicated a delinquent child for committing a sexually oriented offense or a child-victim oriented offense and is classified a juvenile offender registrant or is an out-of-state juvenile offender registrant based on that adjudication, and if the offender or delinquent child is in any category specified in division (F)(1)(a), (b), or (c) of this section, the sheriff with whom the offender or delinquent child has most recently registered under *section 2950.04, 2950.041 [2950.04.1], or 2950.05 of the Revised Code* and the sheriff to whom the offender or delinquent child most recently sent a notice of intent to reside under *section 2950.04 or 2950.041 [2950.04.1] of the Revised Code*, within the period of time specified in division (C) of this section, shall provide a written notice containing the information set forth in division (B) of this section to all of the persons described in divisions (A)(1) to (10) of this section. If the sheriff has sent a notice to the persons described in those divisions as a result of receiving a notice of intent to reside and if the offender or delinquent child registers a residence address that is the same residence address described in the notice of intent to reside, the sheriff is not required to send an additional notice when the offender or delinquent child registers. The sheriff shall provide the notice to all of the following persons:

(1) (a) Any occupant of each residential unit that is located within one thousand feet of the offender's or delinquent child's residential premises, that is located within the county served by the sheriff, and that is not located in a multi-unit building. Division (D)(3) of this section applies regarding notices required under this division.

(b) If the offender or delinquent child resides in a multi-unit building, any occupant of each residential unit that is located in that multi-unit building and that shares a common hallway with the offender or delinquent child. For purposes of this division, an occupant's unit shares a common hallway with the offender or delinquent child if the entrance door into the occupant's unit is located on the same floor and opens into the same hallway as the entrance door to the unit the offender or delinquent child occupies. Division (D)(3) of this section applies regarding notices required under this division.

(c) The building manager, or the person the building owner or condominium unit owners association authorizes to exercise management and control, of each multi-unit building that is located within one thousand feet of the offender's or delinquent child's residential premises, including a multi-unit building in which the offender or delinquent child resides, and that is located within the county served by the sheriff. In addition to notifying the building manager or the person authorized to exercise management and control in the multi-unit building under this division, the sheriff shall post a copy of the notice prominently in each common entryway in the building and any other location in the building the sheriff determines appropriate. The manager or person exercising management and control of the building shall permit the sheriff to post copies of the notice under this division as the sheriff determines appropriate. In lieu of posting

copies of the notice as described in this division, a sheriff may provide notice to all occupants of the multi-unit building by mail or personal contact; if the sheriff so notifies all the occupants, the sheriff is not required to post copies of the notice in the common entryways to the building. Division (D)(3) of this section applies regarding notices required under this division.

(d) All additional persons who are within any category of neighbors of the offender or delinquent child that the attorney general by rule adopted under *section 2950.13 of the Revised Code* requires to be provided the notice and who reside within the county served by the sheriff;

(2) The executive director of the public children services agency that has jurisdiction within the specified geographical notification area and that is located within the county served by the sheriff;

(3) (a) The superintendent of each board of education of a school district that has schools within the specified geographical notification area and that is located within the county served by the sheriff;

(b) The principal of the school within the specified geographical notification area and within the county served by the sheriff that the delinquent child attends;

(c) If the delinquent child attends a school outside of the specified geographical notification area or outside of the school district where the delinquent child resides, the superintendent of the board of education of a school district that governs the school that the delinquent child attends and the principal of the school that the delinquent child attends.

(4) (a) The appointing or hiring officer of each chartered nonpublic school located within the specified geographical notification area and within the county served by the sheriff or of each other school located within the specified geographical notification area and within the county served by the sheriff and that is not operated by a board of education described in division (A)(3) of this section;

(b) Regardless of the location of the school, the appointing or hiring officer of a chartered nonpublic school that the delinquent child attends.

(5) The director, head teacher, elementary principal, or site administrator of each preschool program governed by Chapter 3301. of the Revised Code that is located within the specified geographical notification area and within the county served by the sheriff;

(6) The administrator of each child day-care center or type A family day-care home that is located within the specified geographical notification area and within the county served by the sheriff, and the provider of each certified type B family day-care home that is located within the specified geographical notification area and within the county served by the sheriff. As used in this division, "child day-care center," "type A family day-care home," and "certified type B family day-care home" have the same meanings as in *section 5104.01 of the Revised Code*.

(7) The president or other chief administrative officer of each institution of higher education, as defined in *section 2907.03 of the Revised Code*, that is located within the specified geographical notification area and within the county served by the sheriff, and the chief law enforcement officer of the state university law enforcement agency or campus police department established under *section 3345.04 or 1713.50 of the Revised Code*, if any, that serves that institution;

(8) The sheriff of each county that includes any portion of the specified geographical notification area;

(9) If the offender or delinquent child resides within the county served by the sheriff, the chief of police, marshal, or other chief law enforcement officer of the municipal corporation in which the offender or delinquent child resides or, if the offender or delinquent child resides in an unincorporated area, the constable or chief of the police department or police district police force of the township in which the offender or delinquent child resides;

(10) Volunteer organizations in which contact with minors or other vulnerable individuals might occur or any organization, company, or individual who requests notification as provided in division (J) of this section.

(B) The notice required under division (A) of this section shall include all of the following information regarding the subject offender or delinquent child:

(1) The offender's or delinquent child's name;

(2) The address or addresses of the offender's or public registry-qualified juvenile offender registrant's residence, school, institution of higher education, or place of employment, as applicable, or the residence address or addresses of a delinquent child who is not a public registry-qualified juvenile offender registrant;

(3) The sexually oriented offense or child-victim oriented offense of which the offender was convicted, to which the offender pleaded guilty, or for which the child was adjudicated a delinquent child;

(4) A statement that identifies the category specified in division (F)(1)(a), (b), or (c) of this section that includes the offender or delinquent child and that subjects the offender or delinquent child to this section;

(5) The offender's or delinquent child's photograph.

(C) If a sheriff with whom an offender or delinquent child registers under *section 2950.04, 2950.041 [2950.04.1], or 2950.05 of the Revised Code* or to whom the offender or delinquent child most recently sent a notice of intent to reside under *section 2950.04 or 2950.041 [2950.04.1] of the Revised Code* is required by division (A) of this section to provide notices regarding an offender or delinquent child and if, pursuant to that requirement, the sheriff provides a notice to a sheriff of one or more other counties in accordance with division (A)(8) of this section, the sheriff of each of the other counties who is provided notice under division (A)(8) of this section shall provide the notices described in divisions (A)(1) to (7) and (A)(9) and (10) of this section to each person or entity identified within those divisions that is located within the specified geographical notification area and within the county served by the sheriff in question.

(D) (1) A sheriff required by division (A) or (C) of this section to provide notices regarding an offender or delinquent child shall provide the notice to the neighbors that are described in division (A)(1) of this section and the notices to law enforcement personnel that are described in divisions (A)(8) and (9) of this section as soon as practicable, but no later than five days after the offender sends the notice of intent to reside to the sheriff and again no later than five days after the offender or delinquent child registers with the sheriff or, if the sheriff is required by division (C) of this section to provide the notices, no later than five days after the sheriff is provided the notice described in division (A)(8) of this section.

A sheriff required by division (A) or (C) of this section to provide notices regarding an offender or delinquent child shall provide the notices to all other specified persons that are described in divisions (A)(2) to (7) and (A)(10) of this section as soon as practicable, but not later than seven days after the offender or delinquent child registers with the sheriff or, if the sheriff is required by division (C) of this section to provide the notices, no later than five days after the sheriff is provided the notice described in division (A)(8) of this section.

(2) If an offender or delinquent child in relation to whom division (A) of this section applies verifies the offender's or delinquent child's current residence, school, institution of higher education, or place of employment address, as applicable, with a sheriff pursuant to *section 2950.06 of the Revised Code*, the sheriff may provide a written notice containing the information set forth in division (B) of this section to the persons identified in divisions (A)(1) to (10) of this section. If a sheriff provides a notice pursuant to this division to the sheriff of one or more other counties in accordance with division (A)(8) of this section, the sheriff of each of the other counties who is provided the notice under division (A)(8) of this section may provide, but is not required to provide, a written notice containing the information set forth in division (B) of this section to the persons identified in divisions (A)(1) to (7) and (A)(9) and (10) of this section.

(3) A sheriff may provide notice under division (A)(1)(a) or (b) of this section, and may provide notice under division (A)(1)(c) of this section to a building manager or person authorized to exercise management and control of a building, by mail, by personal contact, or by leaving the notice at or under the entry door to a residential unit. For purposes of divisions (A)(1)(a) and (b) of this section, and the portion of division (A)(1)(c) of this section relating to the provision of notice to occupants of a multi-unit building by mail or personal contact, the provision of one written notice per unit is deemed as providing notice to all occupants of that unit.

(E) All information that a sheriff possesses regarding an offender or delinquent child who is in a category specified in division (F)(1)(a), (b), or (c) of this section that is described in division (B) of this section and that must be provided in a notice required under division (A) or (C) of this section or that may be provided in a notice authorized under division (D)(2) of this section is a public record that is open to inspection under *section 149.43 of the Revised Code*.

The sheriff shall not cause to be publicly disseminated by means of the internet any of the information described in this division that is provided by a delinquent child unless that child is in a category specified in division (F)(1)(a), (b), or (c) of this section.

(F) (1) Except as provided in division (F)(2) of this section, the duties to provide the notices described in divisions (A) and (C) of this section apply regarding any offender or delinquent child who is in any of the following categories:

(a) The offender is a tier III sex offender/child-victim offender, or the delinquent child is a public registry-qualified juvenile offender registrant, and a juvenile court has not removed pursuant to *section 2950.15 of the Revised Code* the delinquent child's duty to comply with *sections 2950.04, 2950.041 [2950.04.1], 2950.05, and 2950.06 of the Revised Code*.

(b) The delinquent child is a tier III sex offender/child-victim offender who is not a public-registry qualified juvenile offender registrant, the delinquent child was subjected to this section prior to the effective date of this amendment as a sexual predator, habitual sex offender, child-victim predator, or habitual child-victim offender, as those terms were defined in *section 2950.01 of the Revised Code* as it existed prior to the effective date of this amendment, and a juvenile court has not removed pursuant to *section 2152.84 or 2152.85 of the Revised Code* the delinquent child's duty to comply with *sections 2950.04, 2950.041 [2950.04.1], 2950.05, and 2950.06 of the Revised Code*.

(c) The delinquent child is a tier III sex offender/child-victim offender who is not a public registry-qualified juvenile offender registrant, the delinquent child was classified a juvenile offender registrant on or after the effective date of this amendment, the court has imposed a requirement under *section 2152.82, 2152.83, or 2152.84 of the Revised Code* subjecting the delinquent child to this section, and a juvenile court has not removed pursuant to *section 2152.84 or 2152.85 of the Revised Code* the delinquent child's duty to comply with *sections 2950.04, 2950.041 [2950.04.1], 2950.05, and 2950.06 of the Revised Code*.

(2) The notification provisions of this section do not apply to a person described in division (F)(1)(a), (b), or (c) of this section if a court finds at a hearing after considering the factors described in this division that the person would not be subject to the notification provisions of this section that were in the version of this section that existed immediately prior to the effective date of this amendment. In making the determination of whether a person would have been subject to the notification provisions under prior law as described in this division, the court shall consider the following factors:

(a) The offender's or delinquent child's age;

(b) The offender's or delinquent child's prior criminal or delinquency record regarding all offenses, including, but not limited to, all sexual offenses;

(c) The age of the victim of the sexually oriented offense for which sentence is to be imposed or the order of disposition is to be made;

(d) Whether the sexually oriented offense for which sentence is to be imposed or the order of disposition is to be made involved multiple victims;

(e) Whether the offender or delinquent child used drugs or alcohol to impair the victim of the sexually oriented offense or to prevent the victim from resisting;

(f) If the offender or delinquent child previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to, or been adjudicated a delinquent child for committing an act that if committed by an adult would be, a criminal offense, whether the offender or delinquent child completed any sentence or dispositional order imposed for the prior offense or act and, if the prior offense or act was a sex offense or a sexually oriented offense, whether the offender or delinquent child participated in available programs for sexual offenders;

(g) Any mental illness or mental disability of the offender or delinquent child;

(h) The nature of the offender's or delinquent child's sexual conduct, sexual contact, or interaction in a sexual context with the victim of the sexually oriented offense and whether the sexual conduct, sexual contact, or interaction in a sexual context was part of a demonstrated pattern of abuse;

(i) Whether the offender or delinquent child, during the commission of the sexually oriented offense for which sentence is to be imposed or the order of disposition is to be made, displayed cruelty or made one or more threats of cruelty;

(j) Whether the offender or delinquent child would have been a habitual sex offender or a habitual child victim offender under the definitions of those terms set forth in *section 2950.01 of the Revised Code* as that section existed prior to the effective date of this amendment;

(k) Any additional behavioral characteristics that contribute to the offender's or delinquent child's conduct.

(G) (1) The department of job and family services shall compile, maintain, and update in January and July of each year, a list of all agencies, centers, or homes of a type described in division (A)(2) or (6) of this section that contains the name of each agency, center, or home of that type, the county in which it is located, its address and telephone number, and the name of an administrative officer or employee of the agency, center, or home.

(2) The department of education shall compile, maintain, and update in January and July of each year, a list of all boards of education, schools, or programs of a type described in division (A)(3), (4), or (5) of this section that contains the name of each board of education, school, or program of that type, the county in which it is located, its address and telephone number, the name of the superintendent of the board or of an administrative officer or employee of the school or program, and, in relation to a board of education, the county or counties in which each of its schools is located and the address of each such school.

(3) The Ohio board of regents shall compile, maintain, and update in January and July of each year, a list of all institutions of a type described in division (A)(7) of this section that contains the name of each such institution, the county in which it is located, its address and telephone number, and the name of its president or other chief administrative officer.

(4) A sheriff required by division (A) or (C) of this section, or authorized by division (D)(2) of this section, to provide notices regarding an offender or delinquent child, or a designee of a sheriff of that type, may request the department of job and family services, department of education, or Ohio board of regents, by telephone, in person, or by mail, to provide the sheriff or designee with the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of the appropriate persons and entities to whom the notices described in divisions (A)(2) to (7) of this section are to be provided. Upon receipt of a request, the department or board shall provide the requesting sheriff or designee with the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of the appropriate persons and entities to whom those notices are to be provided.

(H) (1) Upon the motion of the offender or the prosecuting attorney of the county in which the offender was convicted of or pleaded guilty to the sexually oriented offense or child-victim oriented offense for which the offender is subject to community notification under this section, or upon the motion of the sentencing judge or that judge's successor in office, the judge may schedule a hearing to determine whether the interests of justice would be served by suspending the community notification requirement under this section in relation to the offender. The judge may dismiss the motion without a hearing but may not issue an order suspending the community notification requirement without a hearing. At the hearing, all parties are entitled to be heard, and the judge shall consider all of the factors set forth in division (K) of this section. If, at the conclusion of the hearing, the judge finds that the offender has proven by clear and convincing evidence that the offender is unlikely to commit in the future a sexually oriented offense or a child-victim oriented offense and if the judge finds that suspending the community notification requirement is in the interests of justice, the judge may suspend the application of this section in relation to the offender. The order shall contain both of these findings.

The judge promptly shall serve a copy of the order upon the sheriff with whom the offender most recently registered under *section 2950.04, 2950.041 [2950.04.1], or 2950.05 of the Revised Code* and upon the bureau of criminal identification and investigation.

An order suspending the community notification requirement does not suspend or otherwise alter an offender's duties to comply with *sections 2950.04, 2950.041 [2950.04.1], 2950.05, and 2950.06 of the Revised Code* and does not suspend the victim notification requirement under *section 2950.10 of the Revised Code*.

(2) A prosecuting attorney, a sentencing judge or that judge's successor in office, and an offender who is subject to the community notification requirement under this section may initially make a motion under division (H)(1) of this section upon the expiration of twenty years after the offender's duty to comply with division (A)(2), (3), or (4) of section 2950.04, division (A)(2), (3), or (4) of *section 2950.041 [2950.04.1]* and *sections 2950.05 and 2950.06 of the Revised Code* begins in relation to the offense for which the offender is subject to community notification. After the initial making of a motion under division (H)(1) of this section, thereafter, the prosecutor, judge, and offender may make a subsequent motion under that division upon the expiration of five years after the judge has entered an order denying the initial motion or the most recent motion made under that division.

(3) The offender and the prosecuting attorney have the right to appeal an order approving or denying a motion made under division (H)(1) of this section.

(4) Divisions (H)(1) to (3) of this section do not apply to any of the following types of offender:

(a) A person who is convicted of or pleads guilty to a violent sex offense or designated homicide, assault, or kidnapping offense and who, in relation to that offense, is adjudicated a sexually violent predator;

(b) A person who is convicted of or pleads guilty to a sexually oriented offense that is a violation of division (A)(1)(b) of *section 2907.02 of the Revised Code* committed on or after January 2, 2007, and either who is sentenced under *section 2971.03 of the Revised Code* or upon whom a sentence of life without parole is imposed under division (B) of *section 2907.02 of the Revised Code*;

(c) A person who is convicted of or pleads guilty to a sexually oriented offense that is attempted rape committed on or after January 2, 2007, and who also is convicted of or pleads guilty to a specification of the type described in *section 2941.1418 [2941.14.18]*, *2941.1419 [2941.14.19]*, or *2941.1420 [2941.14.20]* of the *Revised Code*;

(d) A person who is convicted of or pleads guilty to an offense described in division (B)(3)(a), (b), (c), or (d) of *section 2971.03 of the Revised Code* and who is sentenced for that offense pursuant to that division;

(e) An offender who is in a category specified in division (F)(1)(a), (b), or (c) of this section and who, subsequent to being subjected to community notification, has pleaded guilty to or been convicted of a sexually oriented offense or child-victim oriented offense.

(I) If a person is convicted of, pleads guilty to, has been convicted of, or has pleaded guilty to a sexually oriented offense or a child-victim oriented offense or a person is or has been adjudicated a delinquent child for committing a sexually oriented offense or a child-victim oriented offense and is classified a juvenile offender registrant or is an out-of-state juvenile offender registrant based on that adjudication, and if the offender or delinquent child is not in any category specified in division (F)(1)(a), (b), or (c) of this section, the sheriff with whom the offender or delinquent child has most recently registered under *section 2950.04*, *2950.041 [2950.04.1]*, or *2950.05 of the Revised Code* and the sheriff to whom the offender or delinquent child most recently sent a notice of intent to reside under *section 2950.04* or *2950.041 [2950.04.1]* of the *Revised Code*, within the period of time specified in division (D) of this section, shall provide a written notice containing the information set forth in division (B) of this section to the executive director of the public children services agency that has jurisdiction within the specified geographical notification area and that is located within the county served by the sheriff.

(J) Each sheriff shall allow a volunteer organization or other organization, company, or individual who wishes to receive the notice described in division (A)(10) of this section regarding a specific offender or delinquent child or notice regarding all offenders and delinquent children who are located in the specified geographical notification area to notify the sheriff by electronic mail or through the sheriff's web site of this election. The sheriff shall promptly inform the bureau of criminal identification and investigation of these requests in accordance with the forwarding procedures adopted by the attorney general pursuant to *section 2950.13 of the Revised Code*.

(K) In making a determination under division (H)(1) of this section as to whether to suspend the community notification requirement under this section for an offender, the judge shall consider all relevant factors, including, but not limited to, all of the following:

- (1) The offender's age;
- (2) The offender's prior criminal or delinquency record regarding all offenses, including, but not limited to, all sexually oriented offenses or child-victim oriented offenses;
- (3) The age of the victim of the sexually oriented offense or child-victim oriented offense the offender committed;
- (4) Whether the sexually oriented offense or child-victim oriented offense the offender committed involved multiple victims;
- (5) Whether the offender used drugs or alcohol to impair the victim of the sexually oriented offense or child-victim oriented the offender committed or to prevent the victim from resisting;
- (6) If the offender previously has been convicted of, pleaded guilty to, or been adjudicated a delinquent child for committing an act that if committed by an adult would be a criminal offense, whether the offender completed any sentence or dispositional order imposed for the prior offense or act and, if the prior offense or act was a sexually oriented offense or a child-victim oriented offense, whether the offender or delinquent child participated in available programs for sex offenders or child-victim offenders;
- (7) Any mental illness or mental disability of the offender;

(8) The nature of the offender's sexual conduct, sexual contact, or interaction in a sexual context with the victim of the sexually oriented offense the offender committed or the nature of the offender's interaction in a sexual context with the victim of the child-victim oriented offense the offender committed, whichever is applicable, and whether the sexual conduct, sexual contact, or interaction in a sexual context was part of a demonstrated pattern of abuse;

(9) Whether the offender, during the commission of the sexually oriented offense or child-victim oriented offense the offender committed, displayed cruelty or made one or more threats of cruelty;

(10) Any additional behavioral characteristics that contribute to the offender's conduct.

(L) As used in this section, "specified geographical notification area" means the geographic area or areas within which the attorney general, by rule adopted under *section 2950.13 of the Revised Code*, requires the notice described in division (B) of this section to be given to the persons identified in divisions (A)(2) to (8) of this section.

146 v H 180 (Eff 7-1-97); 147 v H 396 (Eff 1-30-98); 147 v H 565 (Eff 3-30-99); 148 v H 471 (Eff 7-1-2000); 149 v S 3 (Eff 1-1-2002); 149 v S 175 (Eff 5-7-2002); 149 v H 485. Eff 6-13-2002; 150 v S 5, § 1, Eff 7-31-03; 150 v H 473, § 1, eff. 4-29-05; 151 v H 15, § 1, eff. 11-23-05; 151 v S 17, § 1, eff. 8-3-06; 151 v S 260, § 1, eff. 1-2-07; 152 v S 10, § 1, eff. 1-1-08.