

# ARIZONA STATE SENATE

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## AMENDED FACT SHEET FOR S.B. 1236

internet sex offender website; offenses

### **Purpose**

Adds that a level one sex offender who commits specified sexual offenses is required to register on the internet sex offender website if the offender was sentenced for a dangerous crime against children (DCAC) and was at least 21 years old at the time of the commission of the offense.

#### Background

The Department of Public Safety (DPS) must establish and maintain an internet sex offender website for the purpose of providing sex offender information to the public. The internet sex offender website must include any offender whose risk assessment has been determined to be a level two or level three, or any person assessed to be a level one offender and who has been convicted of the following offenses: 1) sexual assault; 2) sexual exploitation of a minor if the offender is at least 21 years old and is sentenced for a dangerous crime against children; 3) commercial sexual exploitation of a minor; 4) sexual abuse if the victim is under 12 years old; 5) molestation of a child if the victim is under 12 years old; 6) sexual conduct with a minor if the victim is under 12 years old; 7) child prostitution if committed on or before August 9, 2017; 8) child sex trafficking as specified; 9) taking a child for the purpose of prostitution if the victim is under 12 years old; 10) luring a minor for sexual exploitation if the victim is under 12 years old; and 12) continuous sexual abuse of a child if the victim is under 12 years old (A.R.S. § 13-3827).

A *DCAC* is defined as specified offenses committed against a minor who is under 15 years old. Specified offenses include several sexual offenses, including sexual assault, sexual exploitation of a minor and aggravated luring of a minor, as well as other offenses such as second-degree murder and aggravated assault (<u>A.R.S. § 13-705</u>).

There is no anticipated fiscal impact to the state General Fund associated with this legislation.

#### **Provisions**

- 1. Requires a level one offender to register on the internet sex offender website if the offender was at least 21 years old at the time of the commission of the offense and was sentenced for a DCAC after committing any of the following sexual offenses:
  - a) sexual abuse;
  - b) molestation of a child;
  - c) sexual conduct of a minor;
  - d) child sex trafficking;
  - e) taking a child for the purpose of prostitution;

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- f) luring of a minor for sexual exploitation;
- g) aggravated luring of a minor for sexual exploitation; and
- h) continuous sexual abuse of a child.
- 2. Specifies that a level one sex offender must have been 18 years old or older at the time of the offense in order to be included on the internet sex offender website.
- 3. Requires the internet sex offender website to include offenders of any child sex trafficking offense if the victim is under 12 years old or the offender was sentenced for a DCAC.
- 4. Requires offenders of listed sexual offenses to be included on the internet sex offender website, whether the offense was completed or preparatory.
- 5. States that the reporting requirement applies to a person who is convicted or adjudicated guilty except insane of outlined offenses that were committed before, on or after the general effective date.
- 6. Requires DPS, if an offender was convicted of an outlined offense before the effective date of this act, to add the name and information of the offender on the internet sex offender website within 12 months of the general effective date.
- 7. Becomes effective on the general effective date.

#### Amendments Adopted by Committee of the Whole

• Stipulates that if a level one sex offender is to be required to register on the sex offender website because they are sentenced for a DCAC, the offender must have been 21 years old or older at the time of the commission of the offense.

#### Senate Action

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