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BILL SUMMARY

- Requires the Attorney General to establish a State Registry of Violent Offenders.
- Names its provisions "Sierah's Law."

CONTENT AND OPERATION

State Registry of Violent Offenders

Establishment by Attorney General

The bill requires the Attorney General (the AG), not later than December 31, 2017, to establish and maintain a State Registry of Violent Offenders (SRVO). The SRVO will be a public record under the state's Public Records Law. The AG may do any of the following regarding the SRVO:1

- Determine the types of violent offenders and the information to be included in the SRVO;
- Determine the means by which the information described in the preceding dot point is to be obtained;
- Incorporate the SRVO into either the existing State Registry of Sex Offenders (maintained under R.C. Chapter 2950.) or the existing Registry of Arson Offenders (maintained under R.C. 2909.14 and 2909.15); or

¹ R.C. 109.561.

• Adopt under the Administrative Procedure Act any rules necessary to implement the bill's provisions.

Offenders who may be included

The bill specifies that a person who is convicted of any of the following offenses may be included in the SRVO:²

- Aggravated murder, murder, voluntary manslaughter, kidnapping, or abduction;
- An attempt or conspiracy to commit, or complicity in committing, any
 offense listed in the preceding dot point;
- Any other "offense of violence" (see below) the AG considers necessary to include in the SRVO.

Sierah's Law

The bill specifies that its provisions are to be known as "Sierah's Law."³

Offense of violence

Existing law provides that, as used in the Revised Code, an "offense of violence" is any of the following:⁴

(1) The offense of: aggravated murder; murder; voluntary manslaughter; involuntary manslaughter; felonious assault; aggravated assault; assault; permitting child abuse; aggravated menacing; menacing by stalking; menacing; kidnapping; abduction; extortion; trafficking in persons; rape; sexual battery; gross sexual imposition; aggravated arson; arson; terrorism; aggravated robbery; robbery; aggravated burglary; inciting to violence; aggravated riot; riot; inducing panic; domestic violence; intimidation; intimidation of an attorney, victim, or witness in a criminal case; escape; improperly discharging a firearm at or into a habitation, in a school safety zone, or with the intent to cause harm or panic to persons in a school, in a school building, or at a school function or the evacuation of a school function; patient abuse committed in specified circumstances; endangering

² R.C. 109.561(A) to (C).

³ Section 2.

⁴ R.C. 2901.01, not in the bill.

children committed in specified circumstances; or the former offense of felonious sexual penetration;

- (2) A violation of an existing or former municipal ordinance or law of Ohio or any other state or the United States, substantially equivalent to any offense listed in paragraph (1);
- (3) An offense, other than a traffic offense, under an existing or former municipal ordinance or law of Ohio or any other state or the United States, committed purposely or knowingly, and involving physical harm to persons or a risk of serious physical harm to persons;
- (4) A conspiracy or attempt to commit, or complicity in committing, any offense under paragraph (1), (2), or (3).

HISTORY

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