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IN SENATE -- Introduced by Sen. LAVALLE -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Crime Victims, Crime and Correction

IN ASSEMBLY -- Introduced by M. of A. THIELE -- read once and referred to the Committee on Correction

AN ACT to amend the correction law, in relation to required notification by school districts of sex offender residence; and to amend the education law, in relation to apportionment to school districts for certain expenses related to sex offender notification

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Paragraphs (b) and (c) of subdivision 6 of section 168-1 of
2 the correction law, paragraph (b) as amended by chapter 513 of the laws
3 of 2011 and paragraph (c) as separately amended by chapters 318 and 680
4 of the laws of 2005, are amended to read as follows:
5 (b) If the risk of repeat offense is moderate, a level two designation
6 shall be given to such sex offender. In such case the law enforcement
7 agency or agencies having jurisdiction and the law enforcement agency or
8 agencies having had jurisdiction at the time of his or her conviction
9 shall be notified and may disseminate relevant information which shall
10 include a photograph and description of the offender and which may
11 include the exact name and any aliases used by the sex offender, exact
12 address, background information including the offender's crime of
13 conviction, mode of operation, type of victim targeted, the name and
14 address of any institution of higher education at which the sex offender
15 is enrolled, attends, is employed or resides and the description of
16 special conditions imposed on the offender to any entity with vulnerable
17 populations related to the nature of the offense committed by such sex
18 offender. Any entity receiving information on a sex offender may
19 disclose or further disseminate such information at its discretion.

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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1 provided, however, that school districts, upon receipt of such informa-
2 tion by the district superintendent or chief school administrator, shall
3 disseminate such information to the person or persons in parental
4 relation, as defined in subdivision ten of section two of the education
5 law, of each of its students within such school district. In addition,
6 in such case, the information described [~~herein~~] in this section shall
7 also be provided in the subdirectory established in this article and
8 notwithstanding any other provision of law, such information shall, upon
9 request, be made available to the public.

10 Such law enforcement agencies shall compile, maintain and update a
11 listing of vulnerable organizational entities within its jurisdiction.
12 Such listing shall be utilized for notification of such organizations in
13 disseminating such information on level two sex offenders pursuant to
14 this paragraph. Such listing shall include and not be limited to:
15 superintendents of schools or chief school administrators, superinten-
16 dents of parks, public and private libraries, public and private school
17 bus transportation companies, day care centers, nursery schools, pre-
18 schools, neighborhood watch groups, community centers, civic associ-
19 ations, nursing homes, victim's advocacy groups and places of worship.

20 (c) If the risk of repeat offense is high and there exists a threat to
21 the public safety a level three designation shall be given to such sex
22 offender. In such case, the law enforcement agency or agencies having
23 jurisdiction and the law enforcement agency or agencies having had
24 jurisdiction at the time of his or her conviction shall be notified and
25 may disseminate relevant information which shall include a photograph
26 and description of the offender and which may include the sex offender's
27 exact name and any aliases used by the offender, exact address, address
28 of the offender's place of employment, background information including
29 the offender's crime of conviction, mode of operation, type of victim
30 targeted, the name and address of any institution of higher education at
31 which the sex offender is enrolled, attends, is employed or resides and
32 the description of special conditions imposed on the offender to any
33 entity with vulnerable populations related to the nature of the offense
34 committed by such sex offender. Any entity receiving information on a
35 sex offender may disclose or further disseminate such information at its
36 discretion, provided, however, that school districts, upon receipt of
37 such information by the district superintendent or chief school adminis-
38 trator, shall disseminate such information to the person or persons in
39 parental relation, as defined in subdivision ten of section two of the
40 education law, of each of its students within such school district. In
41 addition, in such case, the information described [~~herein~~] in this
42 section shall also be provided in the subdirectory established in this
43 article and notwithstanding any other provision of law, such information
44 shall, upon request, be made available to the public.

45 Such law enforcement agencies shall compile, maintain and update a
46 listing of vulnerable organizational entities within its jurisdiction.
47 Such listing shall be utilized for notification of such organizations in
48 disseminating such information on level three sex offenders pursuant to
49 this paragraph. Such listing shall include and not be limited to:
50 superintendents of schools or chief school administrators, superinten-
51 dents of parks, public and private libraries, public and private school
52 bus transportation companies, day care centers, nursery schools, pre-
53 schools, neighborhood watch groups, community centers, civic associ-
54 ations, nursing homes, victim's advocacy groups and places of worship.

55 § 2. The education law is amended by adding a new section 3605 to read
56 as follows:

1 § 3605. Apportionment for certain mailing expenses. The commissioner
2 shall apportion funds to reimburse school districts for monies expended
3 in the mailing of notices to the person or persons in parental relation,
4 as defined in subdivision ten of section two of this chapter, of each of
5 its students regarding the presence of registered sex offenders within
6 such school districts.

7 § 3. This act shall take effect on the first of July next succeeding
8 the date on which it shall have become a law, and shall apply to
9 expenses incurred by school districts after such effective date.