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SENATE BILL NO. 1037

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A BILL to amend and reenact § 9.1-913 of the Code of Virginia, relating to sex offender registry; previous convictions.

Patron—Newman

Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 9.1-913 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 9.1-913. Public dissemination by means of the Internet.

The State Police shall develop and maintain a system for making certain Registry information on persons convicted of an offense for which registration is required publicly available by means of the Internet. The information to be made available shall include the offender's name; all aliases that he has used or under which he may have been known; the date and locality of the conviction and a brief description of the offense; his age, current address, and photograph; and such other information as the State Police may from time to time determine is necessary to preserve public safety including but not limited to the fact that an individual is wanted for failing to register or reregister.

Once the offender's name has been placed on the registry as otherwise required by this chapter, the information to be made publicly available shall include a list of all prior known convictions of sex offenses for which registration is required by § 9.1-902, even though the offender is not required to register for such offense. The listing shall include the date and locality of the conviction and a brief description of each offense that the offender has been convicted of for which registration is required by § 9.1-902. The listing of the additional convictions shall be considered identifying information and shall not impose any additional registration requirements on the offender.

The system shall be secure and not capable of being altered except by the State Police. The system shall be updated each business day with newly received registrations and reregistrations. The State Police shall remove all information that it knows to be inaccurate from the Internet system.