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FOR

Senate Bill No. 256

(By Senators Beach, Jenkins, Miller, Nohe, Klempa and Barnes)

[Originating in the Committee on the Judiciary;
reported February 1, 2011.]

A BILL to amend and reenact §15-12-10 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to requiring sex offenders to verify their e-mail and other online identities in the same way as they register their physical addresses.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That §15-12-10 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

ARTICLE 12. SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION ACT.

§15-12-10. Address and online information verification.

- 1 All registrants, including those for whom there has been no
- 2 change in registration information since their initial regis-

3 tration or previous address verification, must report, in the
4 month of their birth, or in the case of a sexually violent
5 predator in the months of January, April, July and October,
6 to the State Police detachment in their county or counties of
7 registration and must respond to all verification inquiries ~~or~~
8 and informational requests, including but not limited to
9 requests for online information made by the State Police
10 pursuant to this section. The State Police shall verify
11 addresses of those persons registered as sexually violent
12 predators every ninety days and all other registered persons
13 once a year. As used in this section, the term “online
14 information” shall mean all information required by subdivi-
15 sion (8), subsection (d), section one-a, article twelve, chapter
16 fifteen of this code. The State Police may require registrants
17 to periodically submit to new fingerprints and photographs
18 as part of the verification process. The method of verifica-
19 tion shall be in accordance with internal management rules
20 pertaining thereto promulgated by the superintendent under
21 authority of section twenty-five, article two, chapter fifteen
22 of this code.

(NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to require sex offenders to verify their e-mail and other online identities in the same way as they register their physical address.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from the present law, and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.)