WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

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Senate Bill 158

By Senators Sypolt, Cline, and Hamilton

[Introduced January 9, 2020; referred

to the Committee on the Judiciary]

1   A BILL to amend and reenact §15-12-10 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating

2   to requiring the State Police to visit the homes of registered sex offenders at regular

3   intervals.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 12. SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION ACT.

§15-12-10. Address and online information verification; <u>home visitation.</u>

1   All registrants, including those for whom there has been no change in registration

2   information since their initial registration or previous address verification, must report, in the month

3   of their birth, or in the case of a sexually violent predator in the months of January, April, July and

4   October, to the State Police detachment responsible for covering their county of registration and

5   must respond to all verification inquiries and informational requests, including, but not limited to,

6   requests for online information made by the State Police pursuant to this section. The State Police

7   shall verify addresses of those persons registered as sexually violent predators ~~every ninety~~ <u>at</u>

8   <u>least once every 60</u> days and all other registered persons ~~once a year~~ at least once <u>every 120</u>

9   <u>days by means of home visitations with the registrant physically present.</u> As used in this section,

10   the term "online information" ~~shall mean~~ <u>means</u> all information required by §15-12-2(d)(8) of this

11   code. The State Police may require registrants to periodically submit to new fingerprints and

12   photographs as part of the verification process. The method of verification shall be in accordance

13   with internal management rules pertaining thereto promulgated by the superintendent under

14   authority of §15-2-25 of this code.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to require the State Police to visit the homes of registered sex offenders at regular intervals.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.