Fiscal Analysis sex offenders registration revisions



Bill/Sponsor HOUSE BILL 4920 As Introduced, Rep. Larry Julian

House Committee Criminal Justice

Analysis Summary

HB 4920 would amend the Sex Offenders Registration Act to reduce the time period from 25 years to 10 years that juveniles adjudicated for certain sex crimes would have to register as sex offenders. An individual convicted as a juvenile for committing or attempting to commit third-degree criminal sexual conduct (CSC) against another person aged 13 to less than 16 years old or fourth-degree CSC would have to comply with the registration requirements for 10 years. An individual assigned to youthful trainee status under provisions of the Code of Criminal Procedure for a listed offense would have to comply with the registration requirements for 10 years. However, if the individual failed to successfully complete the youthful trainee status, he or she would have to register for the full time period as if convicted as an adult.

The bill would add an exemption to the registration requirements for an individual registered solely because he or she was assigned to youthful trainee status under provisions of Code of Criminal Procedure for committing a listed offense. The exemption would not apply to an individual who failed to successfully complete that youthful trainee status.

The bill would allow an individual convicted of an offense for which the bill would shorten the time period of registration on the sex offenders list, to petition the court for an order exempting him or her from registration if the individual had been registered as required for 10 years or more. The person would have to provide a copy of the petition to the prosecuting attorney not less than 30 days before a hearing was held on the petition.

If an individual properly petitioned the court and the court determined that he or she met the bill's requirements, the court could issue (with the consent of the prosecuting attorney) an order exempting the individual from registering under the act for the violation. Also, the order would have to require the Department of State Police to remove the individual's registration information from the registration and compilation databases.

Fiscal Impact

The bill would have no apparent material impact on state or local costs or revenues.

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