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**SENATE BILL 1422\***

Short Title: Sex Offender Registry/Name Changes.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senator Clary.

Referred to: Judiciary I.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON REQUIRED TO REGISTER AS A SEX  
2 OFFENDER MUST INDICATE ON THE INITIAL REGISTRATION FORM THE  
3 NAME UNDER WHICH THE PERSON WAS CONVICTED FOR THE SEX OFFENSE,  
4 TO PROVIDE THAT THE REGISTRANT MUST ALSO NOTIFY THE APPROPRIATE  
5 SHERIFF OF ANY NAME CHANGE BY THE REGISTRANT AND INCLUDE NAME  
6 CHANGES AS PART OF THE VERIFICATION PROCEDURE, TO DIRECT THE  
7 DIVISION OF CRIMINAL STATISTICS TO MAINTAIN THE STATEWIDE  
8 REGISTRY SO THAT A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC MAY CONDUCT SEX  
9 OFFENDER SEARCHES USING ANY NAME OR ALIAS OF A REGISTRANT, AND  
10 TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FOR COMPUTER  
11 AND SOFTWARE REPAIRS TO THE STATEWIDE REGISTRY COMPUTER  
12 SYSTEM.  
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14 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

15 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 14-208.7(b) reads as rewritten:

16 "(b) The Division shall provide each sheriff with forms for registering persons as  
17 required by this Article. The registration form shall require all of the following:

- 18 (1) The person's full name, each alias, date of birth, sex, race, height, weight,  
19 eye color, hair color, drivers license number, and home address.  
20 (1a) A statement indicating what the person's name was at the time of the  
21 conviction for the offense that requires registration; what alias, if any, the  
22 person was using at the time of the conviction of that offense; and the name  
23 of the person as it appears on the judgment imposing the sentence on the  
24 person for the conviction of the offense.  
25 (2) The type of offense for which the person was convicted, the date of  
26 conviction, and the sentence imposed.  
27 (3) A current photograph taken by the sheriff, without charge, at the time of  
28 registration.  
29 (4) The person's fingerprints taken by the sheriff, without charge, at the time of  
30 registration.  
31 (5) A statement indicating whether the person is a student or expects to enroll as  
32 a student within a year of registering. If the person is a student or expects to  
33 enroll as a student within a year of registration, then the registration form  
34 shall also require the name and address of the educational institution at  
35 which the person is a student or expects to enroll as a student.  
36 (6) A statement indicating whether the person is employed or expects to be  
37 employed at an institution of higher education within a year of registering. If



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1 the person is employed or expects to be employed at an institution of higher  
2 education within a year of registration, then the registration form shall also  
3 require the name and address of the educational institution at which the  
4 person is or expects to be employed.

5 (7) Any online identifier that the person uses or intends to use."

6 **SECTION 2.** The catch line for G.S. 14-208.9 reads as rewritten:

7 "**§ 14-208.9. Change of address; change of academic status or educational employment**  
8 **status; change of online identifier; ~~identifier~~; change of name.**"

9 **SECTION 3.** G.S. 14-208.9 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

10 "(f) If a person required to register changes his or her name pursuant to Chapter 101 of  
11 the General Statutes, then the person shall, within 10 days, report in person to the sheriff of the  
12 county with whom the person registered to provide the name change to the sheriff. The sheriff  
13 shall immediately forward this information to the Division."

14 **SECTION 4.** G.S. 14-208.9A(a)(3) reads as rewritten:

15 "(3) The verification form shall be signed by the person and shall indicate the  
16 following:

17 a. Whether the person still resides at the address last reported to the  
18 sheriff. If the person has a different address, then the person shall  
19 indicate that fact and the new address.

20 b. Whether the person still uses or intends to use any online identifiers  
21 last reported to the sheriff. If the person has any new or different  
22 online identifiers, then the person shall provide those online  
23 identifiers to the sheriff.

24 c. Whether the person still uses or intends to use the name under which  
25 the person registered and last reported to the sheriff. If the person has  
26 any new or different name, then the person shall provide that name to  
27 the sheriff."

28 **SECTION 5.** G.S. 14-208.14(a)(3) reads as rewritten:

29 "(3) To coordinate efforts among law enforcement agencies and penal institutions  
30 to ensure that the registration information, changes of address, change of  
31 name, prerelease notifications, and notices of failure to register or to report a  
32 change of address are conveyed in an appropriate and timely manner."

33 **SECTION 6.** G.S. 14-208.14 is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:

34 "(4a) To maintain the system for public access so that a registrant's full name, any  
35 aliases, and any legal name changes are cross-referenced and a member of  
36 the public may conduct a search of the system for a registrant under any of  
37 those names."

38 **SECTION 7.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of  
39 Justice the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) for the 2010-2011 fiscal year to make repairs  
40 to the computer system and software in the Division of Criminal Statistics that houses and runs  
41 the statewide sex offender registry so that a search on a registrant by a member of the public  
42 can be done by using any of the registrant's names or aliases.

43 **SECTION 8.** Sections 1 through 6 of this act become effective December 1, 2010,  
44 and apply to offenses committed on or after that date. The remainder of this act becomes  
45 effective July 1, 2010.