



Chief Justice Maureen O'Connor, Chair • Sara Andrews, Director

## **Sex Offender Registration Ad Hoc Committee Report to Full Sentencing Commission 11-19-2015**

- I. Group Membership
  - A. Coordinating effort with Recodification Committee and this group has met twice.
  - B. Current Ad Hoc members:  
Sgt. Mark Denning & Chief Deputy Engle – Defiance County, Jill Andrews - OPD, Sheriff Shaffer & Deputy MacFarland – Knox County & BSSA SORN committee chair, Judge Slagle – Marion County Common Pleas, Brian Martin – DRC, Sheriff Rodenberg, Emily Davidson – AG’s Office, Justin Hykes – AGs Office, Judge Dumm – Circleville Municipal Court, Derek DeVine – Seneca County Prosecutor, Judge Spanagel – Parma Municipal Court.
  - C. Recodification committee charge is to give the topic a broad look and building Ohio law v. incremental changes. Therefore, both groups gathering relevant, useful information from variety of sources.
- II. Data Collection & upcoming focus of group
  - A. Informational charts from the Ohio Public Defender’s Office (OPD)  
OPD is developing charts to summarize the current SORNA requirements, current Ohio law for adult registrants, and current Ohio law for juvenile registrants. Draft, preliminary documents thus far, but some of the takeaways that are beginning to come together include: Ohio goes above and beyond what is required regarding the offenses that require registration; the registration requirements, including community notification; and the penalties for failure to register.
  - B. Determine if and how many dollars might be in jeopardy if Ohio is not SORNA compliant. As of now, there are as many as 18 states that are compliant. Also, must consider the political realities of pursuing an option that is not SORNA compliant.  
  
SORNA requirements that Ohio has implemented more stringent processes include:
    1. Jurisdiction is defined as a state v. multiple county registries i.e. eliminating secondary registration.
    2. Community notification requirements and agencies that receive those notices – Ohio has implemented a process beyond minimum required – which has been the case since Megan’s Law.
    3. Tier One offenders may be exempted from website disclosure.

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C. Additional data collection efforts & cost benefit analysis the group is working on include:

1. How many states are compliant, how many dollars withheld, how many dollars spent to implement the system? Including local & administrative costs.
2. Is there research that shows registration contributes to public safety, direct correlation?
3. What data should we collect? We have some national info – but not summarized. DRC has trend data on prison commitments pre and post Adam Walsh. DRC says 500-700 inmates in prison at any given time registration related crime.
4. General positions from OJC, BSSA, OPAA may be useful to give us an idea on the political realities. Previous general assemblies have been resistant to change.
5. Recidivism data before and after the law change.
6. Underlying risk consideration for SORNA? Can current law make/use that type of distinction?
7. Compare states that aren't SORNA compliant to those who are – prison commitments, recidivism etc.
8. Review judicial sentence information for alternatives to registration. Allow judicial discretion when to impose registration as part of the sentence.

III. Next meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee

December 2, 2015 12:00p conference call 1-877-820-7831 Pass code 170978#