



The Arizona Success Story

Arizona Grants Special Treatment for Youth Sex Offenders

Bipartisan legislation, sponsored by 10 members of the state legislature and signed by Governor Napolitano in May 2007, recognized that children charged with sex offenses are different from adult sex offenders. Senate Bill 1628 allows youth sex offenders prosecuted as adults for certain offenses at the sole discretion of the prosecutor to get a “reverse remand” hearing to determine whether public safety and the youth’s rehabilitation would be better served by transferring the youth back to juvenile court. If youth sex offenders are placed in a treatment program, the law requires that the program be one with other offenders of a similar age and maturity level to the youth. Further, the law allows for annual court reviews of youth on adult probation and permits the court to remove youth from adult probation, community notification, and registry requirements for sex offenders. This legislation arose in response to complaints by parents and grandparents of youth who had been prosecuted as adults and to research indicating that children who engage in sexually inappropriate behavior respond extremely well to child-specific treatment and are unlikely to become adult sex offenders.

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References

¹ S.B. 1628, 48th Leg., 1st Reg. Sess. (Ariz. 2007)

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SENATE BILL 1628

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 8, CHAPTER 3, ARTICLE 3, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 8-350.01; AMENDING TITLE 13, CHAPTER 5, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 13-501.01; AMENDING TITLE 13, CHAPTER 9, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 13-923; AMENDING SECTION 13-3821, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO SEX OFFENDERS.

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1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Title 8, chapter 3, article 3, Arizona Revised Statutes, is
3 amended by adding section 8-350.01, to read:

4 8-350.01. Youth sex offenders; treatment; definition

5 A. IF THE COURT OR THE ADULT OR JUVENILE PROBATION DEPARTMENT PLACES A
6 SEX OFFENDER IN A SEX OFFENDER TREATMENT PROGRAM, THE TREATMENT PROVIDER OR,
7 IF THE TREATMENT IS PROVIDED BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS OR THE
8 DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE CORRECTIONS, THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS OR
9 THE DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE CORRECTIONS SHALL PLACE THE OFFENDER IN A
10 TREATMENT PROGRAM WITH SIMILAR OFFENDERS OF A SIMILAR AGE AND DEVELOPMENTAL
11 MATURITY LEVEL, IF GROUP TREATMENT IS PRESCRIBED BY THE TREATMENT PROVIDER.

12 B. A MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT PROGRAM THAT A SEX OFFENDER IS REQUIRED
13 TO PARTICIPATE IN BY A COURT, AN ADULT OR JUVENILE PROBATION DEPARTMENT, THE
14 STATE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS OR THE DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE CORRECTIONS:

15 1. SHALL COMPLY WITH THE PROFESSIONAL CODE OF ETHICS FROM THE
16 ASSOCIATION FOR THE TREATMENT OF SEXUAL ABUSERS.

17 2. SHALL NOT INCLUDE THE USE OF IMAGES THAT ARE IN VIOLATION OF TITLE
18 13, CHAPTERS 35 AND 35.1.

19 C. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "SEX OFFENDER" MEANS A PERSON WHO
20 IS TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE OR YOUNGER WHO IS ADJUDICATED DELINQUENT FOR OR
21 CONVICTED OF AN OFFENSE THAT INVOLVES A VIOLATION OF TITLE 13, CHAPTER 14 OR
22 35.1 AND THAT DOES NOT INVOLVE THE DISCHARGE, USE OR THREATENING EXHIBITION
23 OF A DEADLY WEAPON OR DANGEROUS INSTRUMENT.

24 Sec. 2. Title 13, chapter 5, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended by
25 adding section 13-501.01, to read:

26 13-501.01. Persons under eighteen years of age: juvenile
27 transfer

28 A. ON MOTION OF A JUVENILE OR ON THE COURT'S OWN MOTION, THE COURT, IF
29 A JUVENILE IS BEING PROSECUTED IN THE SAME MANNER AS AN ADULT PURSUANT TO
30 SECTION 13-501, SUBSECTION B FOR A VIOLATION OF TITLE 13, CHAPTER 14 OR 35.1,
31 SHALL HOLD A HEARING TO DETERMINE IF JURISDICTION OF THE CRIMINAL PROSECUTION
32 SHOULD BE TRANSFERRED TO THE JUVENILE COURT.

33 B. NOTWITHSTANDING SUBSECTION A OF THIS SECTION, THE COURT SHALL HOLD
34 A HEARING IF A JUVENILE IS PROSECUTED IN THE SAME MANNER AS AN ADULT PURSUANT
35 TO SECTION 13-501, SUBSECTION B FOR A VIOLATION OF TITLE 13, CHAPTER 14 OR
36 35.1 THAT WAS COMMITTED MORE THAN TWELVE MONTHS BEFORE THE DATE OF THE FILING
37 OF THE CRIMINAL CHARGE.

38 C. IF THE COURT FINDS BY CLEAR AND CONVINCING EVIDENCE THAT PUBLIC
39 SAFETY AND THE REHABILITATION OF THE JUVENILE, IF ADJUDICATED DELINQUENT,
40 WOULD BE BEST SERVED BY TRANSFERRING THE PROSECUTION TO THE JUVENILE COURT,
41 THE JUDGE SHALL ORDER THE JUVENILE TRANSFERRED TO THE JUVENILE COURT. ON
42 TRANSFER, THE COURT SHALL ORDER THAT THE JUVENILE BE TAKEN TO A PLACE OF
43 DETENTION DESIGNATED BY THE JUVENILE COURT OR TO THAT COURT OR SHALL RELEASE
44 THE JUVENILE TO THE CUSTODY OF THE JUVENILE'S PARENT, GUARDIAN OR OTHER
45 PERSON LEGALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE JUVENILE. IF THE JUVENILE IS RELEASED TO

1 THE JUVENILE'S PARENT, GUARDIAN OR OTHER PERSON LEGALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE
2 JUVENILE, THE COURT SHALL REQUIRE THAT THE PARENT, GUARDIAN OR OTHER PERSON
3 BRING THE JUVENILE TO APPEAR BEFORE THE JUVENILE COURT AT A DESIGNATED TIME.
4 THE JUVENILE COURT SHALL THEN PROCEED WITH ALL FURTHER PROCEEDINGS AS IF A
5 PETITION ALLEGING DELINQUENCY HAD BEEN FILED WITH THE JUVENILE COURT UNDER
6 SECTION 8-301.

7 D. THE COURT SHALL CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING FACTORS IN DETERMINING
8 WHETHER THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND THE JUVENILE'S REHABILITATION, IF ADJUDICATED
9 DELINQUENT, WOULD BE SERVED BY THE TRANSFER:

10 1. THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE OFFENSE INVOLVED.

11 2. THE RECORD AND PREVIOUS HISTORY OF THE JUVENILE, INCLUDING PREVIOUS
12 CONTACTS WITH THE COURT AND LAW ENFORCEMENT, PREVIOUS PERIODS OF ANY COURT
13 ORDERED PROBATION AND THE RESULTS OF THAT PROBATION.

14 3. ANY PREVIOUS COMMITMENTS OF THE JUVENILE TO JUVENILE RESIDENTIAL
15 PLACEMENTS OR OTHER SECURE INSTITUTIONS.

16 4. WHETHER THE JUVENILE WAS PREVIOUSLY COMMITTED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF
17 JUVENILE CORRECTIONS FOR A FELONY OFFENSE.

18 5. WHETHER THE JUVENILE COMMITTED ANOTHER FELONY OFFENSE WHILE THE
19 JUVENILE WAS A WARD OF THE DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE CORRECTIONS.

20 6. WHETHER THE JUVENILE COMMITTED THE ALLEGED OFFENSE WHILE
21 PARTICIPATING IN, ASSISTING, PROMOTING OR FURTHERING THE INTERESTS OF A
22 CRIMINAL STREET GANG, A CRIMINAL SYNDICATE OR A RACKETEERING ENTERPRISE.

23 7. THE VIEWS OF THE VICTIM OF THE OFFENSE.

24 8. THE DEGREE OF THE JUVENILE'S PARTICIPATION IN THE OFFENSE WAS
25 RELATIVELY MINOR BUT NOT SO MINOR AS TO CONSTITUTE A DEFENSE TO PROSECUTION.

26 9. THE JUVENILE'S MENTAL AND EMOTIONAL CONDITION.

27 10. THE LIKELIHOOD OF THE JUVENILE'S REASONABLE REHABILITATION THROUGH
28 THE USE OF SERVICES AND FACILITIES THAT ARE CURRENTLY AVAILABLE TO THE
29 JUVENILE COURT.

30 E. AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE TRANSFER HEARING, THE COURT SHALL MAKE A
31 WRITTEN DETERMINATION WHETHER THE JUVENILE SHOULD BE TRANSFERRED TO JUVENILE
32 COURT. THE COURT SHALL NOT DEFER THE DECISION AS TO THE TRANSFER.

33 Sec. 3. Title 13, chapter 9, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended by
34 adding section 13-923, to read:

35 13-923. Persons convicted of sexual offenses; annual probation
36 review hearing; report; notification

37 A. IF REQUESTED BY THE PROBATIONER, THE COURT SHALL CONDUCT A
38 PROBATION HEARING AT LEAST ONCE A YEAR FOR A PROBATIONER WHO IS UNDER
39 TWENTY-TWO YEARS OF AGE AND WHO WAS CONVICTED OF AN OFFENSE THAT OCCURRED
40 WHEN THE PERSON WAS UNDER EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE AND THAT REQUIRES THE
41 PROBATIONER TO REGISTER PURSUANT TO SECTION 13-3821.

42 B. THIS SECTION DOES NOT PRECLUDE THE COURT FROM CONDUCTING MORE THAN
43 ONE PROBATION REVIEW HEARING EACH YEAR.

1 C. THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT THAT IS SUPERVISING THE PROBATIONER SHALL
2 PREPARE A PROBATION REPORT AND SUBMIT THE REPORT TO THE COURT PRIOR TO THE
3 HEARING.

4 D. THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS SHALL BE NOTIFIED OF THE HEARING:

5 1. A PROSECUTOR.

6 2. AN ATTORNEY FOR THE PROBATIONER.

7 3. ANY VICTIM OR VICTIM'S ATTORNEY WHO HAS A RIGHT TO BE PRESENT AND
8 HEARD PURSUANT TO THE VICTIMS' BILL OF RIGHTS, ARTICLE II, SECTION 2.1 OF THE
9 CONSTITUTION OF THIS STATE, TITLE 13, CHAPTER 40 OR COURT RULE.

10 4. THE PROBATION OFFICER SUPERVISING THE PROBATIONER.

11 E. AT THE HEARING THE COURT, AFTER HEARING FROM THOSE PRESENT PURSUANT
12 TO SUBSECTION D OF THIS SECTION, SHALL CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING:

13 1. WHETHER TO CONTINUE, MODIFY OR TERMINATE PROBATION.

14 2. WHETHER TO CONTINUE TO REQUIRE, TO SUSPEND OR TO TERMINATE THE
15 PROBATIONER'S REGISTRATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 13-3821.

16 3. WHETHER TO CONTINUE, DEFER OR TERMINATE COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION
17 PURSUANT TO SECTION 13-3825.

18 F. THE COURT MAY HOLD A PRE-HEARING INVOLVING THE PERSONS LISTED IN
19 SUBSECTION D OF THIS SECTION TO DISCUSS AND ADVISE THE COURT CONCERNING THE
20 ISSUES LISTED IN SUBSECTION E OF THIS SECTION.

21 Sec. 4. Section 13-3821, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

22 13-3821. Persons required to register; procedure;
23 identification card; definitions

24 A. A person who has been convicted of a violation or attempted
25 violation of any of the following offenses or who has been convicted of an
26 offense committed in another jurisdiction that if committed in this state
27 would be a violation or attempted violation of any of the following offenses
28 or an offense that was in effect before September 1, 1978 and that, if
29 committed on or after September 1, 1978, has the same elements of an offense
30 listed in this section or who is required to register by the convicting
31 jurisdiction, within ten days after the conviction or within ten days after
32 entering and remaining in any county of this state, shall register with the
33 sheriff of that county:

34 1. Unlawful imprisonment pursuant to section 13-1303 if the victim is
35 under eighteen years of age and the unlawful imprisonment was not committed
36 by the child's parent.

37 2. Kidnapping pursuant to section 13-1304 if the victim is under
38 eighteen years of age and the kidnapping was not committed by the child's
39 parent.

40 3. Sexual abuse pursuant to section 13-1404 if the victim is under
41 eighteen years of age.

42 4. Sexual conduct with a minor pursuant to section 13-1405.

43 5. Sexual assault pursuant to section 13-1406.

44 6. Sexual assault of a spouse if the offense was committed before
45 August 12, 2005.

- 1 7. Molestation of a child pursuant to section 13-1410.
- 2 8. Continuous sexual abuse of a child pursuant to section 13-1417.
- 3 9. Taking a child for the purpose of prostitution pursuant to section
- 4 13-3206.
- 5 10. Child prostitution pursuant to section 13-3212.
- 6 11. Commercial sexual exploitation of a minor pursuant to section
- 7 13-3552.
- 8 12. Sexual exploitation of a minor pursuant to section 13-3553.
- 9 13. Luring a minor for sexual exploitation pursuant to section
- 10 13-3554.
- 11 14. Sex trafficking of a minor pursuant to section 13-1307.
- 12 15. A second or subsequent violation of indecent exposure to a person
- 13 under fifteen years of age pursuant to section 13-1402.
- 14 16. A second or subsequent violation of public sexual indecency to a
- 15 minor under the age of fifteen years pursuant to section 13-1403,
- 16 subsection B.
- 17 17. A third or subsequent violation of indecent exposure pursuant to
- 18 section 13-1402.
- 19 18. A third or subsequent violation of public sexual indecency
- 20 pursuant to section 13-1403.
- 21 19. A violation of section 13-3822 or 13-3824.
- 22 B. Before the person is released from confinement the state department
- 23 of corrections in conjunction with the department of public safety and each
- 24 county sheriff shall complete the registration of any person who was
- 25 convicted of a violation of any offense listed under subsection A of this
- 26 section. Within three days after the person's release from confinement, the
- 27 state department of corrections shall forward the registered person's records
- 28 to the department of public safety and to the sheriff of the county in which
- 29 the registered person intends to reside. Registration pursuant to this
- 30 subsection shall be consistent with subsection E of this section.
- 31 C. Notwithstanding subsection A of this section, the judge who
- 32 sentences a defendant for any violation of chapter 14 or 35.1 of this title
- 33 or for an offense for which there was a finding of sexual motivation pursuant
- 34 to section 13-118 may require the person who committed the offense to
- 35 register pursuant to this section.
- 36 D. The court may require a person who has been adjudicated delinquent
- 37 for an act that would constitute an offense specified in subsection A or C of
- 38 this section to register pursuant to this section. Any duty to register
- 39 under this subsection shall terminate when the person reaches twenty-five
- 40 years of age.
- 41 E. A person who has been convicted of or adjudicated delinquent and
- 42 who is required to register in the convicting state for an act that would
- 43 constitute an offense specified in subsection A or C of this section and who
- 44 is not a resident of this state shall be required to register pursuant to
- 45 this section if the person is either:

1 1. Employed full-time or part-time in this state, with or without
2 compensation, for more than fourteen consecutive days or for an aggregate
3 period of more than thirty days in a calendar year.

4 2. Enrolled as a full-time or part-time student in any school in this
5 state for more than fourteen consecutive days or for an aggregate period of
6 more than thirty days in a calendar year. For the purposes of this
7 paragraph, "school" means an educational institution of any description,
8 public or private, wherever located in this state.

9 F. Any duty to register under subsection D or E of this section for a
10 juvenile adjudication terminates when the person reaches twenty-five years of
11 age.

12 G. The court may order the termination of any duty to register under
13 this section on successful completion of probation if the person was under
14 eighteen years of age when the offense for which the person was convicted was
15 committed.

16 H. **THE COURT MAY ORDER THE SUSPENSION OR TERMINATION OF ANY DUTY TO**
17 **REGISTER UNDER THIS SECTION AFTER A HEARING HELD PURSUANT TO SECTION 13-923.**

18 I. At the time of registering, the person shall sign or affix an
19 electronic fingerprint to a statement giving such information as required by
20 the director of the department of public safety, including all names by which
21 the person is known. The sheriff shall fingerprint and photograph the person
22 and within three days thereafter shall send copies of the statement,
23 fingerprints and photographs to the department of public safety and the chief
24 of police, if any, of the place where the person resides. The information
25 that is required by this subsection shall include the physical location of
26 the person's residence and the person's address. If the person has a place
27 of residence that is different from the person's address, the person shall
28 provide the person's address, the physical location of the person's residence
29 and the name of the owner of the residence if the residence is privately
30 owned and not offered for rent or lease. If the person receives mail at a
31 post office box, the person shall provide the location and number of the post
32 office box. If the person does not have an address or a permanent place of
33 residence, the person shall provide a description and physical location of
34 any temporary residence and shall register as a transient not less than every
35 ninety days with the sheriff in whose jurisdiction the transient is
36 physically present.

37 ~~I.~~ J. On the person's initial registration and every year after the
38 person's initial registration, the person shall obtain a new nonoperating
39 identification license or a driver license from the motor vehicle division in
40 the department of transportation and shall carry a valid nonoperating
41 identification license or a driver license. Notwithstanding sections 28-3165
42 and 28-3171, the license is valid for one year from the date of issuance, and
43 the person shall submit to the department of transportation proof of the
44 person's address and place of residence. The motor vehicle division shall
45 annually update the person's address and photograph and shall make a copy of

1 the photograph available to the department of public safety or to any law
2 enforcement agency. The motor vehicle division shall provide to the
3 department of public safety daily address updates for persons required to
4 register pursuant to this section.

5 ~~J.~~ K. Except as provided in subsection E or K of this section, the
6 clerk of the superior court in the county in which a person has been
7 convicted of a violation of any offense listed under subsection A of this
8 section or has been ordered to register pursuant to subsection C or D of this
9 section shall notify the sheriff in that county of the conviction within ten
10 days after entry of the judgment.

11 ~~K.~~ L. Within ten days after entry of judgment, a court not of record
12 shall notify the arresting law enforcement agency of an offender's conviction
13 of a violation of section 13-1402. Within ten days after receiving this
14 information, the law enforcement agency shall determine if the offender is
15 required to register pursuant to this section. If the law enforcement agency
16 determines that the offender is required to register, the law enforcement
17 agency shall provide the information required by section 13-3825 to the
18 department of public safety and shall make community notification as required
19 by law.

20 ~~L.~~ M. A person who is required to register pursuant to this section
21 because of a conviction for the unlawful imprisonment of a minor or the
22 kidnapping of a minor is required to register, absent additional or
23 subsequent convictions, for a period of ten years from the date that the
24 person is released from prison, jail, probation, community supervision or
25 parole and the person has fulfilled all restitution
26 obligations. Notwithstanding this subsection, a person who has a prior
27 conviction for an offense for which registration is required pursuant to this
28 section is required to register for life.

29 ~~M.~~ N. A person who is required to register pursuant to this section
30 and who is a student at a public or private institution of postsecondary
31 education or who is employed, with or without compensation, at a public or
32 private institution of postsecondary education or who carries on a vocation
33 at a public or private institution of postsecondary education shall notify
34 the county sheriff having jurisdiction of the institution of postsecondary
35 education. The person required to register pursuant to this section shall
36 also notify the sheriff of each change in enrollment or employment status at
37 the institution.

38 ~~N.~~ O. At the time of registering, the sheriff shall secure a
39 sufficient sample of blood or other bodily substances for deoxyribonucleic
40 acid testing and extraction from a person who has been convicted of an
41 offense committed in another jurisdiction that if committed in this state
42 would be a violation or attempted violation of any of the offenses listed in
43 subsection A of this section or an offense that was in effect before
44 September 1, 1978 and that, if committed on or after September 1, 1978, has
45 the same elements of an offense listed in subsection A of this section or who

1 is required to register by the convicting jurisdiction. The sheriff shall
2 transmit the sample to the department of public safety.

3 ~~0.~~ P. For the purposes of this section:

4 1. "Address" means the location at which the person receives mail.

5 2. "Residence" means the person's dwelling place, whether permanent or
6 temporary.