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An act to ESTABLISH A CHILD ABUSE REGISTRY

Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: Kentucky ranks among the top ten worst states for child abuse in the United States, and number one in child abuse cases that resulted in death. The implementation of this bill allows the public to be aware of possible threats to children's safety in their area. A free, easily accessible database and toll free number that allows people to know if a convicted child abuser lives near them would inform parents and potential employers of possible threats. This would help prevent injury to children by informing responsible and caring parents, teachers, and citizens of the presence of individuals who are known threats to the welfare of a child. The stress of hiring babysitters and nannies or the danger of allowing a child to play outside in a neighbourhood would decrease incredibly, given an easy access to a database that would help ensure the safety of children across Kentucky.

Section 2: Kentucky State Police Department must establish a website to display, registrant information, and the registrant's conviction, while taking extra precaution to protect victim's information as this bill pertains to minors. Offenders must register based on select chapters from KRS 600-645, requirements would range from child endangerment to physical and sexual abuse of a minor. Police departments must provide easy access to the registry for the public. Preventative measures against harassment to registered offenders by the public. Protection from registrants for police departments and employees of said departments will be employed as needed. Toll-free number must be provided in case an individual wishes to learn more about a registrant located in their jurisdiction. Personal notifications may also be provided by individual departments to citizens located in that jurisdiction when an offender is registered in their area.

Section 3: In the event an employee of a Kentucky Police Department, refuses to adhere to the implementation of section one the following repercussions will be reprimanded with the following:

- a.) First offenses will receive a cautionary citation.
- b.) Second offense will be submitted to an unpaid suspension, length depending on severity of actions.
- c.) Third offense will result in termination of employee.

Section 4: The addition of a child abuse registry would fall under the pre-existing duties of officers in Kentucky who already maintain the sexual offense registry. However, additional data space would be needed to accommodate the added convicted child abusers. The majority of this cost would be covered by fees paid by registrants each year.

Section 5: This law would be effective immediately 90 days after passage.