

Predatory Offender Statutory Framework Working Group Meeting Minutes

Meeting date: Monday, August 30th, 2021

- Introduction and welcome message from Minnesota Department of Corrections Commissioner (Paul Schnell) and Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension Superintendent (Drew Evans)
- Presentation by Minnesota Assistant Attorney General (Angela Kiese) regarding Minnesota registration offenses and Minnesota Statutes 243.166 and 243.167
- Introduction of workgroup members present at meeting
- Presentation by Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension Program Administrator for the Predatory Offender Registration Unit (Katie Meiers) regarding registration obligations, the role of the registry, and current POR statistics
- Questions can be emailed to Mark Bliven (DOC) and Olivia Anderson (BCA)
- Data requests can be emailed to Mark Bliven (DOC) and/or Olivia Anderson (BCA) to be requested for group members
- Commissioner Schnell and Superintendent Evans asked workgroup members to discuss potential co-chairs to lead the group going forward
- Workgroup members discussed which questions the workgroup is seeking to answer
- The language from the bill that created the working group was read aloud to group members to provide insight on what the group's duties are
 - *"The working group must examine and assess the predatory offender registration (POR) laws, including, but not limited to, the requirements placed on offenders, the crimes for which POR is required, the method by which POR requirements are applied to offenders, and the effectiveness of the POR system in achieving its stated purpose. Governmental agencies that hold POR data shall provide the working group with public POR data upon request. The working group is encouraged to request the assistance of the state court administrator's office to obtain relevant POR data maintained by the court system."*
 - *How is the registry effective? What are the downfalls of the registry? How large has the registry grown? Has its expansion impacted those that are processing and using the information? Is it effective at solving crimes and keeping people safe?*
- Members that were a part of the Criminal Sexual Conduct Reform workgroup discussed the recommendations that their group made and what this group may want to look at in regard to the effectiveness of the registry and how the POR statute is applied:
 - Juveniles on the registry
 - The use of "same set of circumstances" (did this lead to an exponential growth in the registry, reducing its effectiveness?)
 - Registrants being able to petition to come off the registry if they have been compliant
 - Penalties for subsequent non-predatory offenses in regard to how it affects one's registration period

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- Additional topics of discussion and questions raised:
 - How the registry has been expanded with additional requirements to adhere to (How does this expand liability?) (How does this impact the registry in terms of its effectiveness?)
 - How the registry has been affecting registrants and victims (How does it impact reporting crimes?) (Is it a deterrent if the person could be on the registry for life?)
 - Is the registry working as intended to solve crimes and find or rule out potential suspects in the area?
 - How the federal requirements should be analyzed
 - Registration violations and the extension of the registration period
 - What is the purpose of the registry and how has it changed over time? Has that changed its effectiveness?

- The group plans to have someone who is subject to registration be apart of the group so group members can hear from them and their experiences

- Co-chairs were chosen by the group:
 - Angela Kiese
 - Sheriff Troy Heck
 - Stacy Bettison

- Co-chairs will come up with a plan going forward in terms of when to meet, how often to meet, and if there will be sub-committees that meet aside from group meetings in the future