

SF 340/HF 711 – Adam Walsh Act Summary

This bill takes all of the current sex crimes that define the offender as a sex offender and classifies them into one of three tiers. Tier 1 has the least serious crimes, Tier 2 has the middle level crimes, and Tier 3 has the serious level crimes. The two-thousand foot law is maintained and applied to the offenders who have committed the worst offenses against a minor.

All offenders must be on the registry, but how often they must go into the county sheriff's office to update their registry information depends upon their tier classification. Tier 1 offenders must update their information every year. Tier 2 offenders must update their information every six months. Tier 3 offenders must update their information every three months. All offenders must be on the registry for at least ten years, but certain offenders must be on for longer.

Offenders who are classified as sexually violent predators must remain on the registry for life. Offenders who receive a special sentence must be on the registry for the length of the special sentence, but must be on the registry for at least ten years. Juveniles who were at least 14 years of age at the time the offense was committed will be required to be on the registry if their offense was committed by force or threat of serious violence, by rendering the victim unconscious, or by involuntary drugging the victim. Juvenile courts have the option of waiving registration requirements for juvenile offenders.

The offenders are required to supply more information to the county sheriff including passport information, internet identifiers, professional licensing information and information on vehicles that the offender owns or uses.

Exclusionary zones are enforced against any offender who committed an offense against a minor, and states that the offender cannot:

- Loiter within 300 feet of the real property boundary of a public or nonpublic elementary or secondary school, unless a student.
- Be present on the real property of a public or nonpublic elementary school or daycare center without administrator's written permission.
- Work, volunteer, etc. at any school or childcare facility.
- Loiter within 300 feet of any place intended primarily for use by minors (playground, recreational and sport-related activity).
- Be in a school vehicle without permission.

Employment restrictions are enforced against any offender who committed an offense against a minor and state that the offender cannot:

- Operate, manage, volunteer, or be employed at any city, county or state fair or carnival when a minor is present.
- Operate, manage, volunteer, or be employed at any children's arcade, or facilities providing programs or services intended primarily for minors.
- Operate, manage, volunteer, or be employed at a public or nonpublic elementary or secondary school, child care facility, or public library.
- Operate, manage, volunteer, or be employed at any place intended primarily for use by minors including playgrounds, recreational or sport-related activity area, or a swimming or wading pool.

No sex offender will be allowed to work at a facility that supplies services to dependant adults.