

Fifty-sixth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

## REENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2299

Introduced by

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Representatives R. Kelsch, Porter

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 12.1-32-15 of the North Dakota Century Code,  
2 relating to the registration of offenders against children and sexual offenders; and to repeal  
3 section 27-20-52.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the law enforcement data  
4 base.

5 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

6 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 12.1-32-15 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
7 amended and reenacted as follows:

8 **12.1-32-15. Offenders against children and sexual offenders - Sexually violent**  
9 **predators - Registration requirement - Penalty.**

10 1. As used in this section:

- 11 a. "A crime against a child" means a violation of chapter 12.1-16, 12.1-17,  
12 12.1-18, or 12.1-29, or an equivalent ordinance, in which the victim is a minor  
13 or is otherwise of the age required for the act to be a crime or an attempt to  
14 commit these offenses.
- 15 b. "Department" means the department of corrections and rehabilitation.
- 16 c. "Mental abnormality" means a congenital or acquired condition of an  
17 individual that affects the emotional or volitional capacity of the individual in a  
18 manner that predisposes that individual to the commission of criminal sexual  
19 acts to a degree that makes the individual a menace to the health and safety  
20 of other individuals.
- 21 d. "Predatory" means an act directed at a stranger, or at an individual with whom  
22 a relationship has been established or promoted for the primary purpose of  
23 victimization.

- 1 e. ~~"Qualified board" means two or more experts in the field of behavior and~~  
2 ~~treatment of sexual offenders as determined by the department of human~~  
3 ~~services.~~
- 4 f. "Sexual offender" means a person who has pled guilty to or been found guilty  
5 of a violation of section 12.1-20-03, 12.1-20-03.1, 12.1-20-04, 12.1-20-05,  
6 12.1-20-06, 12.1-20-07, 12.1-20-11, chapter 12.1-27.2, or subsection 2 of  
7 section 12.1-22-03.1, or an equivalent ordinance, or an attempt to commit  
8 these offenses.
- 9 f. "Sexually dangerous individual" means an individual who meets the definition  
10 specified in section 25-03.3-01.
- 11 g. ~~"Sexually violent predator" means a sexual offender who suffers from a~~  
12 ~~mental abnormality or personality disorder that makes that offender likely to~~  
13 ~~engage in predatory sexually violent offenses~~ "Temporarily domiciled" means  
14 staying or being physically present at a location for longer than ten days, or  
15 maintaining employment in the jurisdiction for longer than ten days,  
16 regardless of the state of the residence.
- 17 2. ~~After a person has pled guilty or been found guilty as a sexual offender, the court~~  
18 ~~shall determine upon the motion of the state's attorney and after receiving a report~~  
19 ~~from the qualified board if that person is a sexually violent predator. The court may~~  
20 ~~order the defendant to undergo an evaluation to enable the qualified board to~~  
21 ~~make an appropriate determination.~~
- 22 3. ~~After a person has pled guilty to or been found guilty of a crime against a child or~~  
23 ~~an attempted crime against a child, or after a person has pled guilty or been found~~  
24 ~~guilty as a sexual offender, the~~ The court shall impose, in addition to any penalty  
25 provided by law, a requirement that the ~~person~~ individual register, within ten days  
26 of coming into a county in which the ~~person~~ individual resides or is temporarily  
27 domiciled. The individual must register with the chief of police of the city or the  
28 sheriff of the county if the ~~person~~ individual resides or is employed in an area other  
29 than a city. The court shall require a ~~person~~ an individual to register by stating this  
30 requirement on the court records. ~~A person must also register,~~ if that ~~person~~  
31 individual:

- 1           a. Has pled guilty or nolo contendere to, or been found guilty as a felonious  
2           sexual offender or an attempted felonious sexual offender, including juvenile  
3           delinquent adjudications of equivalent offenses unless the offense is listed in  
4           subdivision e.
- 5           b. Has pled guilty or nolo contendere to, or been found guilty as a sexual  
6           offender and at the time of the commission of the offense was twenty-two  
7           years of age or older and the victim was under fifteen years of age.
- 8           c. Is a sexually dangerous individual.
- 9           d. Has pled guilty or nolo contendere to, or been found guilty as a sexual  
10          offender for a misdemeanor or attempted misdemeanor. The court may  
11          deviate from requiring an individual to register if the court first finds the  
12          individual is no more than three years older than the victim if the victim is a  
13          minor, the individual has not previously been convicted as a sexual offender  
14          or of a felony crime against a child, and the individual did not exhibit mental  
15          abnormality or predatory conduct in the commission of the offense.
- 16          e. Is a juvenile found delinquent under subdivision d of subsection 1 of section  
17          12.1-20-03, subdivision a of subsection 2 of section 12.1-20-03, or as a  
18          sexual offender for a misdemeanor. The court may deviate from requiring the  
19          juvenile to register if the court first finds the juvenile has not previously been  
20          convicted as a sexual offender or for a felony crime against a child, and the  
21          juvenile did not exhibit mental abnormality or predatory conduct in the  
22          commission of the offense.
- 23          f. Has pled guilty or nolo contendere to, or been found guilty of, a felony crime  
24          against a child or an attempted felony crime against a child, including juvenile  
25          delinquent adjudications of equivalent offenses. Except if the offense is  
26          described in section 12.1-29-02, or section 12.1-18-01 or 12.1-18-02 and the  
27          person is not the parent of the victim, the court may deviate from requiring an  
28          individual to register if the court first finds the individual has not previously  
29          been convicted as a sexual offender or for a felony crime against a child, and  
30          the individual did not exhibit mental abnormality or predatory conduct in the  
31          commission of the offense.

- 1           g. Has pled guilty or nolo contendere, been found guilty, or been adjudicated  
2           delinquent of any crime against another individual which is not otherwise  
3           specified in this section if the court finds the individual demonstrated mental  
4           abnormality or sexual predatory conduct in the commission of the offense and  
5           therefore orders registration for the individual. If the court orders an individual  
6           to register as an offender under this section, the individual shall comply with  
7           all of the registration requirements in this chapter.
- 8           3. If a court has not ordered an individual to register in this state, the individual shall  
9           register if the individual:
- 10          a. Is incarcerated or is on probation or parole on August 1, 1995, for a crime  
11          against a child described in section 12.1-29-02, or section 12.1-18-01 or  
12          12.1-18-02 if the individual was not the parent of the victim, or as a sexual  
13          offender;
- 14          b. Has pled guilty or nolo contendere to, or been found guilty of, an offense in a  
15          court of this state for which registration is mandatory under this section or  
16          another state or the federal government equivalent to those offenses set forth  
17          in ~~subdivisions a and c of subsection 4~~ this section if the individual was  
18          ordered by a court or required to register as a sexual offender, or for a crime  
19          against a child in another state or by the federal government; or
- 20          c. Has pled guilty or nolo contendere to, or has been found guilty of, a felonious  
21          crime against a child or as a sexual offender for which registration is  
22          mandatory under this section if the conviction occurred within ten years prior  
23          to August 1, 1995.
- 24          4. In its consideration of mental abnormality or predatory conduct, the court shall  
25          consider the age of the offender, the age of the victim, the difference in ages of the  
26          victim and offender, the circumstances and motive of the crime, the relationship of  
27          the victim and offender, and the mental state of the offender. The court shall order  
28          an offender to be evaluated by a qualified counselor, psychologist, or physician  
29          before sentencing. Except as provided under subdivision g of subsection 2, the  
30          court shall state on the record in open court its affirmative finding for not requiring  
31          an offender to register.

1           5.   When ~~a person~~ an individual is required to register under this section, the official in  
2           charge of a facility or institution where the ~~person~~ individual required to register is  
3           confined, or the department, shall, before the discharge, parole, or release of that  
4           ~~person~~ individual, inform the ~~person~~ individual of the duty to register pursuant to  
5           this section. The official or the department shall require the ~~person~~ individual to  
6           read and sign a form as required by the attorney general, stating that the duty of  
7           the ~~person~~ individual to register has been explained to that ~~person~~ individual. The  
8           official in charge of the place of confinement, or the department, shall obtain the  
9           address where the ~~person~~ individual expects to reside or work upon discharge,  
10          parole, or release and shall report the address to the attorney general. The official  
11          in charge of the place of confinement, or the department, shall give ~~one copy~~ three  
12          copies of the form to the ~~person~~ individual and shall send ~~four~~ three copies to the  
13          attorney general no later than forty-five days before the scheduled release of that  
14          ~~person~~ individual. The attorney general shall forward one copy to the law  
15          enforcement agency having jurisdiction where the ~~person~~ individual expects to  
16          reside or work upon discharge, parole, or release, one copy to the prosecutor who  
17          prosecuted the ~~person~~ individual, and one copy to the court in which the ~~person~~  
18          individual was prosecuted. All forms must be transmitted and received by the law  
19          enforcement agency, prosecutor, and court thirty days before the discharge,  
20          parole, or release of the ~~person~~ individual.

21       5- 6.   ~~A person~~ An individual who is required to register pursuant to this section who is  
22       released on probation or discharged upon payment of a fine must, before the  
23       release or discharge, be informed of ~~that person's~~ the duty to register under this  
24       section by the court in which that ~~person~~ individual is convicted. The court shall  
25       require the ~~person~~ individual to read and sign a form as required by the attorney  
26       general, stating that the duty of the ~~person~~ individual to register under this section  
27       has been explained to that ~~person~~ individual. The court shall obtain the address  
28       where the ~~person~~ individual expects to reside or work upon release or discharge  
29       and shall report the address to the attorney general within three days. The court  
30       shall give one copy of the form to the ~~person~~ individual and shall send two copies  
31       to the attorney general. The attorney general shall forward one copy to the

1 appropriate law enforcement agency having jurisdiction where the ~~person~~  
2 individual expects to reside or work upon discharge, parole, or release.

3 ~~6.~~ 7. Registration consists of a written statement signed by the ~~person~~ individual, giving  
4 the information required by the attorney general, and the fingerprints and  
5 photograph of the ~~person~~ individual. Within three days after registration, the  
6 registering law enforcement agency shall forward the statement, fingerprints, and  
7 photograph to the attorney general. If ~~a person~~ an individual required to register  
8 pursuant to this section has a change in name or address, that ~~person~~ individual  
9 shall inform in writing, within ten days, the law enforcement agency with whom that  
10 ~~person~~ individual last registered of the ~~person's~~ individual's new name or address,  
11 or employment address if the individual is working in this state but not residing in  
12 this state. The law enforcement agency, within three days after receipt of the  
13 information, shall forward it to the attorney general. The attorney general shall  
14 forward the appropriate registration data to the law enforcement agency having  
15 local jurisdiction of the new place of residence or employment. Upon a change of  
16 address, the ~~person~~ individual required to register shall also register within ten  
17 days at the law enforcement agency having local jurisdiction of the new place of  
18 residence or employment. A law enforcement agency that has previously  
19 registered an offender may omit the fingerprint portion of the registration if that  
20 agency has a set of fingerprints on file for that individual and is personally familiar  
21 with and can visually identify the offender. These provisions also apply in any  
22 other state that requires registration.

23 ~~7.~~ 8. ~~A person~~ An individual required to register under this section shall comply with the  
24 registration requirement for the longer of the following periods:  
25 a. A period of ten years after the date of sentence or order deferring or  
26 suspending sentence upon a plea or finding of guilt or after release from  
27 incarceration, whichever is later; or  
28 b. ~~Until a court determination is made that the person no longer is a sexually~~  
29 ~~violent predator. The sexually violent predator may petition no more than~~  
30 ~~once a year for a court determination on the status of being a sexually violent~~

- 1 predator. ~~The court must receive a report from the qualified board before~~  
2 ~~making the determination~~ For the life of the individual, if that individual:
- 3 (1) On two or more occasions has pled guilty or nolo contendere to, or  
4 been found guilty of, an offense in which that individual was ordered by  
5 a court or otherwise required to register as a felonious sexual offender  
6 or felonious offender against a child under this section;
- 7 (2) Pleads guilty or nolo contendere to, or is found guilty of, an offense  
8 committed after the effective date of this Act which is described in  
9 subdivision a of subsection 1 of section 12.1-20-03, subdivision d of  
10 subsection 1 of section 12.1-20-03 if the person is an adult and the  
11 victim is under age twelve, or section 12.1-18-01 if that individual is an  
12 adult other than a parent of the victim; or
- 13 (3) Has been civilly committed as a sexually dangerous individual under  
14 chapter 25-03.3, under the laws of another state, or by the federal  
15 government.
- 16 ~~8.~~ 9. ~~A person~~ An individual required to register under this section who violates this  
17 section is guilty of a class A misdemeanor. A court may not relieve ~~a person~~ an  
18 individual, other than a juvenile, who willfully violates this section from serving a  
19 term of at least ninety days in jail and completing probation of one year. ~~A person~~  
20 An individual who violates this section who previously has pled guilty or been  
21 found guilty of violating this section is guilty of a class C felony.
- 22 ~~9.~~ 10. When ~~a person~~ an individual is released on parole or probation and is required to  
23 register pursuant to this section, but fails to do so within the time prescribed, the  
24 court shall order the probation, or the parole board shall order the parole, of the  
25 ~~person~~ individual revoked. The statements, photographs, and fingerprints required  
26 by this section are open to inspection by the public.
- 27 ~~10.~~ 11. If ~~a person~~ an individual required to register pursuant to this section is temporarily  
28 sent outside the facility or institution where that ~~person~~ individual is confined under  
29 conviction or sentence, the local law enforcement agency having jurisdiction over  
30 the place where that ~~person~~ individual is being sent must be notified within a  
31 reasonable time period before that ~~person~~ individual is released from the facility or

1 institution. This subsection does not apply to any ~~person~~ individual temporarily  
2 released under guard from the facility or institution in which that ~~person~~ individual  
3 is confined.

4 44. 12. Relevant and necessary registration information ~~shall~~ must be disclosed to the  
5 public by a law enforcement agency if the agency determines that the individual  
6 registered under this section is a public risk and disclosure of the registration  
7 information is necessary for public protection. The department, in a timely manner,  
8 shall provide law enforcement agencies any information the department  
9 determines is relevant concerning individuals required to be registered under this  
10 section who are about to be released or placed into the community. A state officer,  
11 law enforcement agency, or school district, its officials, and its employees and an  
12 appointee, officer, or employee of those entities are not subject to civil or criminal  
13 liability for making risk determinations or for disclosing or for failing to disclose  
14 information as permitted by this section. Nonregistration information concerning  
15 an offender required to register under this section consisting of the name of the  
16 offender, the last known address of the offender, the offense or offenses as  
17 defined in subsection 1 to which the offender pled guilty or of which the offender  
18 was found guilty, the date of the judgment or order imposing a sentence or  
19 probation and the court entering the judgment or order, the sentence or probation  
20 imposed upon the offender, and any disposition, if known, of a sentence or  
21 probation may be disclosed to the public. The attorney general shall compile  
22 nonregistration information concerning offenders required to register under this  
23 section from criminal history record information maintained pursuant to chapter  
24 12-60 or from an agency or department of another state or the federal government  
25 and shall provide the information upon request at no cost.

26 13. If a juvenile is adjudicated delinquent and required or ordered to register as a  
27 sexual offender or as an offender against a child under this section. the juvenile  
28 shall comply with the registration requirements in this section. Notwithstanding  
29 any other provision of law, a law enforcement agency shall register a juvenile  
30 offender in the same manner as adult offenders and may release any relevant and  
31 necessary information on file to other law enforcement agencies, the department of

1           human services, the superintendent or principal of the school the juvenile attends,  
2           or the public if disclosure is necessary to protect public health or safety. The  
3           school administration may notify others in similar positions if the juvenile transfers  
4           to another learning institution in or outside the state.

5           14. If an individual has been required to register as a sexual offender or an offender  
6           against a child under section 12.1-32-15 or 27-20-52.1 before the effective date of  
7           this Act, the individual may petition the court to be removed from the offender list if  
8           registration is no longer mandatory for that individual. In considering the petition,  
9           the court shall comply with the requirements of this section.

10           **SECTION 2. REPEAL.** Section 27-20-52.1 of the 1997 Supplement to the North  
11           Dakota Century Code is repealed.