



ENACTMENT SUMMARY

House Bill 289 **SORN compliance** Effective March 20, 2025

On December 19, 2024, Governor DeWine signed into law House Bill 289 (Rep. Robb Blasdel and Rep. Swearingen), which modifies SORN registration requirements.

Tolling of registration period for failing to register

The bill provides that for a Tier I or Tier II offender who fails to register, the total length of time that the offender is required to register is tolled by any amount of time that the offender is in violation for failing to comply with his or her SORN requirements.

Registering a “fixed” address

The bill requires those subject to SORN registration requirements to provide with their registration their current “fixed residence address,” defined in the bill as “a permanent residential address.” If the offender’s residence address is not a “fixed” residence address, the offender must include instead a detailed description of the place or places at which the offender intends to stay for the next thirty days, and is subject to existing law’s change of address requirements until the offender has a fixed residence address.

Additionally, the bill repeals R.C. 2930.071 (enacted in HB 343 of the 134th General Assembly) pertaining to the procedures for subpoenas of victims’ records.

The bill passed the Ohio House by a vote of 87-1 on June 12, 2024 and the Ohio Senate by a vote of 27-4 on December 11, 2024. The House voted the same day to concur on Senate amendments, by a vote of 89-1. It was signed into law on December 19, 2024 and becomes effective on March 20, 2025.