



1997 ASSEMBLY BILL 186

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- 1 **AN ACT to amend** 301.46 (2) (e) and 301.46 (2m) (c) of the statutes; **relating to:**
2 notification of the general public concerning sex offenders.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, a person must register as a sex offender if he or she has been convicted of certain sex offenses, found not guilty of certain sex offenses by reason of mental disease or defect or adjudicated delinquent on the basis of certain sex offenses. The department of corrections (DOC) must maintain a registry of sex offenders that contains specified information concerning persons required to register as a sex offender.

Generally, the information in the sex offender registry is confidential. However, beginning on June 1, 1997, DOC or other state agencies that have custody or control of a sex offender may release information from the registry to certain persons, including local law enforcement agencies, certain community organizations and the general public. In addition, if a local law enforcement agency believes that it is necessary to protect the public, it may provide to community organizations or to a member of the general public who is making a request information that it has received from DOC or another state agency.

This bill provides that if a local law enforcement agency believes that it is necessary to protect the public, the law enforcement agency may provide to the general public information that it has received from DOC or another state agency.

