

**JOINT COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY
BILL SUMMARY**

BILL NO. H2645

TITLE: An Act relative to the sex offender registry.

SPONSOR: Rep. Daniel J. Hunt

COSPONSOR(S): None

HEARING DATE: June 17, 2025

PRIOR HISTORY: None

SENATE BILL: None

CURRENT LAW: Section 178D of Chapter 6 establishes the sex offender registry board which requires every sex offender to register with registration data consisting of name, aliases used, date and place of birth, sex, race, height, weight, eye and hair color, social security number, home address, any secondary addresses and work address and, if the sex offender works at or attends an institution of higher learning, the name and address of the institution, photograph, fingerprints and a description of the offense. It also creates an online registry that publishes the following information for offenders: (i) the name of the sex offender; (ii) the offender's home address and any secondary addresses; (iii) the offender's work address; (iv) the offense for which the offender was convicted or adjudicated and the date of the conviction or adjudication; (v) the sex offender's age, sex, race, height, weight, eye and hair color; (vi) a photograph of the sex offender, if available; (vii) whether the sex offender has been designated a sexually violent predator; and (viii) whether the offender is in compliance with the registration obligations of sections 178C to 178P, inclusive.

Section 178J of Chapter 6 establishes the procedures for requesting sex offender information and the penalties for misusing the information.

Section 178K of Chapter 6 creates the sex offender registry board. The board is staffed by seven members who shall be appointed by the governor for terms of six years.

BILL SUMMARY: Section 1 – Replaces the requirement for a photo ‘if available’ in Sections 178D, 178J and 178K with a requirement of a current color photograph.