



Hundredth Legislature - Second Session - 2008  
**Introducer's Statement of Intent**  
**LB 957**

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**Chairperson:** Brad Ashford  
**Committee:** Judiciary  
**Date of Hearing:** January 30, 2008

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

The purpose of LB 957 is to bring the Nebraska Sex Offender Registration Act into compliance with federal guidelines created by the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006. The purpose of this law is to protect the public, in particular children, from violent sex offenders via a more comprehensive, nationalized system for registration of sex offenders. Title 1 of the Act establishes the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act (SORNA), which outlines a comprehensive set of minimum registration and notification standards for sex offenders.

Legislation is required for compliance with the Adam Walsh Act (AWA) by July 27, 2009. Jurisdictions who do not substantially implement are subject to mandatory 10% reduction in Byrne Justice Assistance Grant funding for state and local law enforcement personnel and equipment.

- The AWA establishes a national, electronic sex offender registration program maintained by the FBI.
- Expands the list of offenses that prompt required registration to include persons convicted of incest, unlawful intrusion, child sex abuses, and sexual assault of an inmate.
- Sex offenders are eligible to apply to State Patrol for "Clean Record" consideration after ten years if the person in question has (1) no sex offense convictions or conviction on an offense punishable by more than one year imprisonment, (2) successful completion of probation or parole, and (3) successful completion of appropriate sex offender treatment program.
- The length of registration is based solely on the convicted offense rather than risk assessment based standards under current law.
- Verification of registry information is in-person and is required more frequently.
- Initial registration at State Patrol facility within three working days as opposed to current five days. NSP facilities are equipped to collect all required information..
- Verifications and Status Changes reported to County Sheriff within three working days. Sheriff submits information to the State Patrol and National Registry electronically on date updates are received.
- Public notification is issued on all registrants.
- Violation of registry requirement and registrant can not be located is reported to the U.S. Marshal Service and arrest warrant is sought.

**Principal Introducer:**

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**Senator Brad Ashford**