HOUSE BILL 974

48TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2007

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

RELATING TO CRIMES; CREATING A SEX OFFENDER MONITORING PILOT PROJECT; PROVIDING FOR DATA COLLECTION, ANALYSIS AND EVALUATION; PRESCRIBING A PENALTY; MAKING APPROPRIATIONS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. SEX OFFENDER MONITORING PILOT PROJECT-CREATED--PURPOSE.--

A. The "sex offender monitoring pilot project" is created as a two-year pilot project to use a monitoring system to track serious and violent sex offenders during their terms of parole or probation and measure the efficacy of such technology to improve supervision and behavioral control of those offenders. The purpose of the pilot project is to demonstrate that using technology to monitor sex offenders provides a crucial element in rehabilitation of the sex

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offender and the safety of the community.

- B. As used in this section, "monitoring system" means a global positioning system or other tracking technology that actively monitors and identifies a person's location and timely reports or records the person's presence by a link to a global position and has the capacity to timely report or record a person's presence near or within a prohibited area or the person's departure from specific geographic locations.
- C. The adult probation and parole division of the corrections department shall conduct the sex offender monitoring pilot project with the assistance of the New Mexico sentencing commission. The second judicial district court and district attorney shall participate in the pilot project and assist the department and commission as required.
- D. Any other provision of law notwithstanding, any person who is convicted in the second judicial district of one or more of the following sex crimes for which a term of parole or probation is imposed and the person is serving that term in the Albuquerque metropolitan statistical area during the term of the pilot project may be included in the pilot project:
- (1) criminal sexual penetration in the first, second or third degree, as provided in Section 30-9-11 NMSA 1978;
- (2) criminal sexual contact of a minor in the second, third or fourth degree, as provided in Section 30-9-13
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- (3) sexual exploitation of children, as provided in Section 30-6A-3 NMSA 1978;
- sexual exploitation of children by (4) prostitution, as provided in Section 30-6A-4 NMSA 1978; or
- (5) attempt to commit any of the sex offenses in Paragraphs (1) through (4) of this subsection.
- During the term of the pilot project, a Ε. monitoring system device shall be required for every participant.
- The New Mexico sentencing commission shall establish reporting and evaluation requirements for participants and shall assist the adult probation and parole division of the corrections department in data collection and analysis. The division and the commission shall provide interim and final reports to the legislature and the governor on the effectiveness of the pilot project to competently monitor sex offenders and ensure the safety of the community in which they live.
- Any participant or other person who tampers with, removes or vandalizes a monitoring system device worn or used by a participant is guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished as provided in Section 31-19-1 NMSA 1978.

Section 2. APPROPRIATIONS. --

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(\$1,800,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the adult probation and parole division of the corrections department for expenditure in fiscal years 2007 through 2009 to conduct the sex offender monitoring pilot project. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2009 shall revert to the general fund.

B. One hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the New Mexico sentencing commission for expenditure in fiscal years 2007 through 2009 for data collection, analysis and evaluation of the sex offender monitoring pilot project. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2009 shall revert to the general fund.

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