



<b>Policy Title:</b>	<b>Sex Crimes Prevention</b>
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**SUMMARY:**

In compliance with the Campus Sex Crimes Prevention Act, this policy provides for the tracking of convicted, registered sex offenders who are enrolled as students or employed at Coastal Carolina University.

**POLICY:**

**I. POLICY**

The "Campus Sex Crimes Prevention Act" (section 1601 of Public Law 106-386) is a federal law enacted on October 28, 2000, that provides for the tracking of convicted, registered sex offenders enrolled as students at institutions of higher education or working on campus.

The Act amends the Jacob Wetterling Crimes Against Children and Sexually Violent Offender Registration Act to require sex offenders already required to register in a State to provide notice, as required under State law, to each institution of higher education in that State at which the person is employed, carries on a vocation, or is a student. The Act requires that state procedures ensure that this registration information is promptly made available to law enforcement agencies with jurisdiction where the institutions of higher education are located and that it is entered into appropriate State records or data systems. These changes took effect October 28, 2002. These requirements are tied to state eligibility for certain types of federal grant funding and must be implemented through state law.

The Act also amends the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act to require institutions of higher education to issue a statement, in addition to other disclosures required under that Act, advising the campus community where law enforcement agency information provided by a State concerning registered sex offenders may be obtained, such as the law enforcement office of the institution, a local law enforcement agency with jurisdiction for the campus, or a computer network address.

These changes took effect October 28, 2002, and this notice became a requirement beginning with the annual security report due October 1, 2003.

Lastly, the Act amends the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 to clarify that nothing in that Act may be construed to prohibit an educational institution from disclosing information provided to the institution under this law concerning registered sex offenders, and it requires the Secretary of Education to take appropriate steps to notify educational institutions that disclosure of this information is permitted. This amendment took effect on October 28, 2000.

## II. OBTAINING INFORMATION ABOUT REGISTERED SEX OFFENDERS

To ensure that the University is aware of registered sex offender status of its employees, background checks are performed on all new employees. All applicants for admission to the University are subject to a community standards review.

Current listings of sex offenders as required under the provisions of federal legislation and State of South Carolina legislation may be found on the State Law Enforcement Division (SLED) website at [SC Offender Watch](#).

Additionally, the U.S. Department of Justice provides links to other Public Registry Sites on its website ([U.S. Department of Justice National Sex Offender Website](#)).