

## Jessica Lunsford's Law

In a move to improve law enforcement's monitoring of convicted sex offenders, Gov. Brad Henry signed a bill that employs cutting edge technology to strengthen public safety.

Senate Bill 631 requires Global Positioning system, or GPS, electronic monitoring or habitual and aggravated sex offenders for the rest of their lives once they are released from prison.

"By signing legislation, Oklahoma will benefit from merging high-tech advances with the vital need to protect the public from sex predators," Gov. Henry said. "I am confident this GPS monitoring will have a tremendous impact to ensure a safer and more secure environment for our citizens. This bill even has the potential to save many lives"

The measure also reflects that convicted sex offenders must wear a G monitoring device for the duration of his or her sentence. The mandatory registration period for a sex offender is 10 years for those not classified as habitual or aggravated offenders.

Authored by Sen. Charles Wyrick (D-Fairland) and Rep. Terry Ingmire (D-Stillwater), the bill is also known as "Jessica Lunsford's Law" in remembrance of a Florida girl who was molested and murdered. The suspect in that case is a convicted sex offender.