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SYNOPSIS:

Under existing law, sex offenders have restrictions regarding where they may be employed or volunteer.

This bill would prohibit sex offenders from being employed or volunteering as a first responder.

A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Relating to sex offenders; to amend Sections 15-20A-13 and 15-20A-31, Code of Alabama 1975, to prohibit sex offenders from being employed or volunteering as a first responder.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. Sections 15-20A-13 and 15-20A-31, Code of Alabama 1975, are amended to read as follows:

"§15-20A-13

(a) No adult sex offender shall accept or maintain employment or a volunteer position at any school, childcare facility, mobile vending business that provides services primarily to children, or any other business or organization that provides services primarily to children, or any amusement or water park.



29 (b) No adult sex offender shall accept or maintain
30 employment or a volunteer position within 2,000 feet of the
31 property on which a school or childcare facility is located
32 unless otherwise exempted pursuant to Sections 15-20A-24 and
33 15-20A-25.

34 (c) No adult sex offender, after having been convicted
35 of a sex offense involving a child, shall accept or maintain
36 employment or a volunteer position within 500 feet of a
37 playground, park, athletic field or facility, or any other
38 business or facility having a principal purpose of caring for,
39 educating, or entertaining minors.

40 (d) Changes to property within 2,000 feet of an adult
41 sex offender's place of employment which occur after an adult
42 sex offender accepts employment shall not form the basis for
43 finding that an adult sex offender is in violation of this
44 section.

45 (e) It shall be unlawful for the owner or operator of
46 any childcare facility or any other organization that provides
47 services primarily to children to knowingly provide employment
48 or a volunteer position to an adult sex offender.

49 (f) For the purposes of this section, the 2,000-foot
50 measurement shall be taken in a straight line from nearest
51 property line to nearest property line.

52 (g) (1) No adult sex offender shall accept or maintain
53 employment or a volunteer position as a first responder.

54 (2) For the purposes of this section, a "first
55 responder" means a paramedic, firefighter, rescue squad
56 member, emergency medical technician, or other individual who,



57 in the course of his or her professional duties, responds to
58 fire, medical, hazardous material, or other similar
59 emergencies, whether compensated or not.

60 ~~(g)~~ (h) Any person who knowingly violates this section
61 shall be guilty of a Class C felony."

62 "§15-20A-31

63 (a) During the time a juvenile sex offender is subject
64 to the registration requirements of this chapter, the juvenile
65 sex offender shall not accept or maintain employment or a
66 volunteer position at any school, childcare facility, or any
67 other business or organization that provides services
68 primarily to children.

69 (b) It shall be unlawful for the owner or operator of
70 any childcare facility or any other organization that provides
71 services primarily to children to knowingly provide employment
72 or a volunteer position to a juvenile sex offender.

73 (c) (1) No juvenile sex offender shall accept or
74 maintain employment or a volunteer position as a first
75 responder.

76 (2) For the purposes of this section, a "first
77 responder" means a paramedic, firefighter, rescue squad
78 member, emergency medical technician, or other individual who,
79 in the course of his or her professional duties, responds to
80 fire, medical, hazardous material, or other similar
81 emergencies, whether compensated or not.

82 ~~(e)~~ (d) Any person who knowingly violates this section
83 shall be guilty of a Class C felony."

84 Section 2. This act shall become effective on October



85 1, 2025.