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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.

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

(c) No adult sex offender, after having been convicted of a sex offense involving a child, shall accept or maintain



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29 employment or a volunteer position within 500 feet of a
30 playground, park, athletic field or facility, or any other
31 business or facility having a principal purpose of caring for,
32 educating, or entertaining minors.

33 (d) Changes to property within 2,000 feet of an adult
34 sex offender's place of employment which occur after an adult
35 sex offender accepts employment shall not form the basis for
36 finding that an adult sex offender is in violation of this
37 section.

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

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

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

47 (2) For the purposes of this section, a "first
48 responder" means a paramedic, firefighter, rescue squad
49 member, emergency medical technician, or other individual who,
50 in the course of his or her professional duties, responds to
51 fire, medical, hazardous material, or other similar
52 emergencies, whether compensated or not.

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

55 "§15-20A-31

56 (a) During the time a juvenile sex offender is subject



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57 to the registration requirements of this chapter, the juvenile
58 sex offender shall not accept or maintain employment or a
59 volunteer position at any school, childcare facility, or any
60 other business or organization that provides services
61 primarily to children.

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

66 (c) (1) No juvenile sex offender shall accept or
67 maintain employment or a volunteer position as a first
68 responder.

69 (2) For the purposes of this section, a "first
70 responder" means a paramedic, firefighter, rescue squad
71 member, emergency medical technician, or other individual who,
72 in the course of his or her professional duties, responds to
73 fire, medical, hazardous material, or other similar
74 emergencies, whether compensated or not.

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

77 Section 2. This act shall become effective on October
78 1, 2025.



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