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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.



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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,



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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



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85 1, 2025.