

## HB26 INTRODUCED



1 HB26  
2 PSTKWEE-1  
3 By Representative Butler  
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## SYNOPSIS:

Under existing law, certain persons who are convicted of a sex offense are subject to registration and notification requirements.

This bill would authorize the parole or probation officer of an adult sex offender who was convicted of a sex offense involving a child to restrict that sex offender from using a post office box or possessing any electronic media, including, but not limited to, a computer tablet, gaming system, or phone that allows access to the Internet.

This bill would provide that the Board of Pardons and Paroles or a court, as a condition of release, may require an adult sex offender to receive sex offender treatment, including, but not limited to, periodic polygraph examinations.

This bill would provide that a sex offender who fails to comply with such restrictions or treatment requirements is guilty of a Class C felony.

This bill would also authorize the Director of the Board of Pardons and Paroles to adopt rules to implement the sex offender treatment provisions.

A BILL



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TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

Relating to sex offenders; to add Sections 15-20A-19.01 and 15-20A-20.01 to the Code of Alabama 1975, to provide that certain sex offenders may be prohibited by a parole or probation officer from using a post office box or electronic media in certain circumstances; to provide that certain sex offenders, as a condition of release, may be required to receive sex offender treatment; to provide for criminal penalties for violations; and to amend Section 15-20A-44, Code of Alabama 1975, to authorize the Board of Pardons and Paroles to adopt rules.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. Sections 15-20A-19.01 and 15-20A-20.01 are added to the Code of Alabama 1975, to read as follows:

### §15-20A-19.01

(a) An adult sex offender convicted of a sex offense involving a child may be restricted by his or her parole or probation officer from using a post office box or possessing any electronic media, including, but not limited to, a computer, tablet, gaming system, or phone that allows access to the Internet.

(b) A person who knowingly violates a restriction imposed pursuant to subsection (a) shall be guilty of a Class C felony.

### §15-20A-20.01

(a) The Board of Pardons and Paroles or a court, as a



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condition of release on parole, probation, community corrections, court referral officer supervision, pretrial release, or any other community-based punishment option, may require an adult sex offender to receive sex offender treatment by a sex offender treatment program or by a provider approved by the Board of Pardons and Paroles. The treatment may include, but is not limited to, periodic polygraph examinations.

(b) An adult sex offender subject to sex offender treatment programs pursuant to subsection (a) may not change a treatment provider without prior approval by the court or the Board of Pardons and Paroles.

(c) An adult sex offender subject to a sex offender treatment program or periodic polygraph examinations pursuant to this section, unless he or she is indigent, shall be required to pay the costs of any sex offender treatment program and the costs of administering the polygraph examination. The Board of Pardons and Paroles, the sentencing court, or other supervising entity shall determine the amount to be paid based on the person's financial means and ability to pay.

(d) A polygraph examination conducted pursuant to this section shall be conducted by a licensed Alabama Polygraph Examiner with an advanced Post Conviction Sex Offender Testing certification in compliance with the American Polygraph Association. The polygraph examinations must include not less than two history, maintenance, or monitoring polygraph examinations in a calendar year and any additional polygraph



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85 examinations necessary to identify and discern the progression  
86 of therapy facilitated through the treatment provider. The  
87 Board of Pardons and Paroles, in coordination with the  
88 treatment provider, shall determine the frequency of the  
89 polygraph examinations.

90 (e) A person who fails to participate in any sex  
91 offender treatment required by this section shall be guilty of  
92 a Class C felony.

93 Section 2. Section 15-20A-44, Code of Alabama 1975, is  
94 amended to read as follows:

95 "§15-20A-44

96 (a) The Secretary of the Alabama State Law Enforcement  
97 Agency shall adopt rules establishing an administrative  
98 hearing for persons who are only made subject to this chapter  
99 pursuant to ~~subdivision (35) of~~ Section 15-20A-5 (35).

100 (b) The Secretary of the Alabama State Law Enforcement  
101 Agency shall adopt rules setting forth a listing of offenses  
102 from other jurisdictions that are to be considered criminal  
103 sex offenses under ~~subdivision (35) of~~ Section 15-20A-5 (35).

104 Thereafter, any individual convicted of any offense set forth  
105 in the listing shall immediately be subject to this chapter  
106 and shall not be entitled to an administrative hearing as  
107 provided in subsection (a).

108 (c) The Secretary of the Alabama State Law Enforcement  
109 Agency may adopt ~~any~~ rules ~~as are~~ necessary to implement and  
110 enforce this chapter.

111 (d) The Director of the Board of Pardons and Paroles  
112 may adopt rules necessary to implement and enforce Section



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113     [15-20A-20.01.](#)"

114             Section 3. This act shall become effective on October

115     1, 2026.