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A BILL  
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.



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

32 §15-20A-20.01

33 (a) (1) The Board of Pardons and Paroles or a court, as  
34 a condition of release on parole, probation, community  
35 corrections, court referral officer supervision, pretrial  
36 release, or any other community-based punishment option, may  
37 require an adult sex offender to receive sex offender  
38 treatment by a sex offender treatment program or by a provider  
39 approved by the Board of Pardons and Paroles. The treatment  
40 may include, but is not limited to, periodic polygraph  
41 examinations.

42 (2) Notwithstanding subdivision (1), a parole or  
43 probation officer may not prohibit an adult sex offender from  
44 using a computer or other electronic media with Internet  
45 access for the sole purpose of performing the adult sex  
46 offender's job duties. A parole or probation officer may  
47 impose reasonable restrictions on an adult sex offender's use  
48 of electronic media in the performance of his or her job  
49 duties, provided that the restrictions may not prevent the  
50 adult sex offender from completing the duties or his or her  
51 job.

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

56 (c) An adult sex offender subject to a sex offender



57 treatment program or periodic polygraph examinations pursuant  
58 to this section, unless he or she is indigent, shall be  
59 required to pay the costs of any sex offender treatment  
60 program and the costs of administering the polygraph  
61 examination. The Board of Pardons and Paroles, the sentencing  
62 court, or other supervising entity shall determine the amount  
63 to be paid based on the person's financial means and ability  
64 to pay.

65 (d) A polygraph examination conducted pursuant to this  
66 section shall be conducted by a licensed Alabama Polygraph  
67 Examiner with an advanced Post Conviction Sex Offender Testing  
68 certification in compliance with the American Polygraph  
69 Association. The polygraph examinations must include not less  
70 than two history, maintenance, or monitoring polygraph  
71 examinations in a calendar year and any additional polygraph  
72 examinations necessary to identify and discern the progression  
73 of therapy facilitated through the treatment provider. The  
74 Board of Pardons and Paroles, in coordination with the  
75 treatment provider, shall determine the frequency of the  
76 polygraph examinations.

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

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

82 "§15-20A-44

83 (a) The Secretary of the Alabama State Law Enforcement  
84 Agency shall adopt rules establishing an administrative



85 hearing for persons who are only made subject to this chapter  
86 pursuant to ~~subdivision (35) of~~ Section 15-20A-5 (35).

87 (b) The Secretary of the Alabama State Law Enforcement  
88 Agency shall adopt rules setting forth a listing of offenses  
89 from other jurisdictions that are to be considered criminal  
90 sex offenses under ~~subdivision (35) of~~ Section 15-20A-5 (35).  
91 Thereafter, any individual convicted of any offense set forth  
92 in the listing shall immediately be subject to this chapter  
93 and shall not be entitled to an administrative hearing as  
94 provided in subsection (a).

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

98 (d) The Director of the Board of Pardons and Paroles  
99 may adopt rules necessary to implement and enforce Section  
100 15-20A-20.01."

101 Section 3. This act shall become effective on October  
102 1, 2026.