

**SB199 ENGROSSED**



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3 By Senator Kelley  
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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) (1) 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.



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29           (2) Notwithstanding subdivision (1), a parole or  
30 probation officer may not prohibit an adult sex offender from  
31 using a computer or other electronic media with Internet  
32 access for the sole purpose of performing the adult sex  
33 offender's job duties. A parole or probation officer may  
34 impose reasonable restrictions on an adult sex offender's use  
35 of electronic media in the performance of his or her job  
36 duties, provided that the restrictions may not prevent the  
37 adult sex offender from completing the duties or his or her  
38 job.

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

42           §15-20A-20.01

43           (a) The Board of Pardons and Paroles or a court, as a  
44 condition of release on parole, probation, community  
45 corrections, court referral officer supervision, pretrial  
46 release, or any other community-based punishment option, may  
47 require an adult sex offender to receive sex offender  
48 treatment by a sex offender treatment program or by a provider  
49 approved by the Board of Pardons and Paroles.

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

54           (c) An adult sex offender subject to a sex offender  
55 treatment program pursuant to this section, unless he or she  
56 is indigent, shall be required to pay the costs of any sex



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57 offender treatment program. The Board of Pardons and Paroles,  
58 the sentencing court, or other supervising entity shall  
59 determine the amount to be paid based on the person's  
60 financial means and ability to pay.

61 (d) A person who fails to participate in any sex  
62 offender treatment required by this section shall be guilty of  
63 a Class C felony.

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

66 "§15-20A-44

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

71 (b) The Secretary of the Alabama State Law Enforcement  
72 Agency shall adopt rules setting forth a listing of offenses  
73 from other jurisdictions that are to be considered criminal  
74 sex offenses under ~~subdivision (35) of~~ Section 15-20A-5(35).  
75 Thereafter, any individual convicted of any offense set forth  
76 in the listing shall immediately be subject to this chapter  
77 and shall not be entitled to an administrative hearing as  
78 provided in subsection (a).

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

82 (d) The Director of the Board of Pardons and Paroles  
83 may adopt rules necessary to implement and enforce Section  
84 15-20A-20.01."



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85                   Section 3. This act shall become effective on October  
86   1, 2026.

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98 as amended  
99 Yeas 35  
100 Nays 0  
101 Abstains 0  
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Patrick Harris,  
Secretary.

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