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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; to limit liability in certain circumstances; and in connection therewith would have as its purpose or effect the requirement of a new or increased expenditure of local funds within the meaning of Section 111.05 of the Constitution of Alabama of 2022.

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



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29 property on which a school or childcare facility is located  
30 unless otherwise exempted pursuant to Sections 15-20A-24 and  
31 15-20A-25.

32 (c) No adult sex offender, after having been convicted  
33 of a sex offense involving a child, shall accept or maintain  
34 employment or a volunteer position within 500 feet of a  
35 playground, park, athletic field or facility, or any other  
36 business or facility having a principal purpose of caring for,  
37 educating, or entertaining minors.

38 (d) Changes to property within 2,000 feet of an adult  
39 sex offender's place of employment which occur after an adult  
40 sex offender accepts employment shall not form the basis for  
41 finding that an adult sex offender is in violation of this  
42 section.

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

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

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

52 (2) For the purposes of this section, a "first  
53 responder" means a paramedic, firefighter, rescue squad  
54 member, emergency medical technician, or other individual who,  
55 in the course of his or her professional duties, responds to  
56 fire, medical, hazardous material or other similar



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57 emergencies, whether compensated or not.

58 (3) The prohibition in this subsection does not create  
59 liability for any employer or volunteer organization of first  
60 responders.

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

63 "§15-20A-31

64 (a) During the time a juvenile sex offender is subject  
65 to the registration requirements of this chapter, the juvenile  
66 sex offender shall not accept or maintain employment or a  
67 volunteer position at any school, childcare facility, or any  
68 other business or organization that provides services  
69 primarily to children.

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

74 (c) (1) No juvenile sex offender shall accept or  
75 maintain employment or a volunteer position as a first  
76 responder.

77 (2) For the purposes of this section, a "first  
78 responder" means a paramedic, firefighter, rescue squad  
79 member, emergency medical technician, or other individual who,  
80 in the course of his or her professional duties, responds to  
81 fire, medical, hazardous material or other similar  
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86 ~~(e)~~ (d) Any person who knowingly violates this section  
87 shall be guilty of a Class C felony.

88 Section 2. Although this bill would have as its purpose  
89 or effect the requirement of a new or increased expenditure of  
90 local funds, the bill is excluded from further requirements  
91 and application under Section 111.05 of the Constitution of  
92 Alabama of 2022, because the bill defines a new crime or  
93 amends the definition of an existing crime.

94 Section 3. This act shall become effective on October  
95 1, 2024.