

State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 283

SENATE BILL NO. 1219

By White, Bowling, Rose

Substituted for: House Bill No. 1400

By Littleton, Hardaway, Todd, Ragan, Howell, White, Cepicky

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, relative to certain criminal offenses.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-13-503(b), is amended by deleting the subsection and substituting:

(b)(1) Except as provided in subdivision (b)(2), rape is a Class B felony.

(2) If the victim of the offense is at least thirteen (13) years of age but less than eighteen (18) years of age, rape is a Class B felony and, notwithstanding title 40, chapter 35, the defendant shall be punished as a Range II offender; however, the sentence imposed upon the defendant may, if appropriate, be within Range III but in no case shall it be lower than Range II.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-15-302(b), is amended by deleting the subsection and substituting:

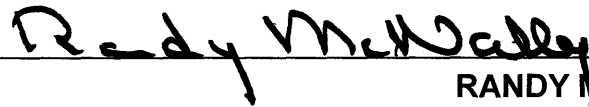
(b)(1) Except as provided in subdivision (b)(2), incest is a Class C felony.

(2) If the victim of the offense is a minor, incest is a Class B felony and, notwithstanding title 40, chapter 35, the defendant shall be punished as a Range II offender; however, the sentence imposed upon the defendant may, if appropriate, be within Range III but in no case shall it be lower than Range II.

SECTION 3. This act takes effect July 1, 2023, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: April 17, 2023



RANDY McNALLY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 28th day of April 2023



BILL LEE, GOVERNOR