## **HOUSE BILL 2279**

## By Hawk

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 37; Title 39, Chapter 13 and Title 40, Chapter 39, Part 2, relative to juvenile sexual offenders.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 40-39-202, is amended by deleting subdivision (29)(A)(iii) and substituting:

- (iii) Rape of a child, under § 39-13-522, if:
  - (a) The victim is at least four (4) years younger than the offender; or
- (b) The victim is less than four (4) years younger than the offender, and the judge, taking into account the facts and circumstances surrounding the delinquent act, orders that the juvenile be required to register as a violent juvenile sexual offender;

SECTION 2. This act takes effect July 1, 2024, the public welfare requiring it, and applies to acts committed on or after that date.