

SENATE BILL 1884

By Kyle

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 40,
Chapter 39, Part 2 and Title 41, relative to sexual
offenders.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 41-21-205, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

41-21-205.

(a) The commissioner of correction, or the commissioner's designated representative, has the duty and is so empowered to establish rules, regulations and procedures regarding the opening, inspecting and reading of mailable items and letters sent to or from any inmate. The regulations shall be established so as to best promote the health, safety and welfare of all inmates.

(b) Any inmate convicted of a sexual offense, as defined by § 40-39-202(20), and not registered as a sexual offender or a violent sexual offender shall lose all outgoing mail privileges, except mail addressed to attorneys and the courts, if such inmate contacts by mail any of the inmate's former victims or the victims' immediate family members without the consent of the victim or consent of the victim's parent or guardian if the victim is a minor being contacted.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2011, the public welfare requiring it.