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SYNOPSIS:

Under existing law, sex offenders have restrictions regarding where they may be employed or volunteer.

This bill would prohibit sex offenders from being employed or volunteering as a first responder.

This bill would also provide for limited liability in certain circumstances.

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; and to limit liability in certain circumstances.

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



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29 primarily to children, or any other business or organization
30 that provides services primarily to children, or any amusement
31 or water park.

32 (b) No adult sex offender shall accept or maintain
33 employment or a volunteer position within 2,000 feet of the
34 property on which a school or childcare facility is located
35 unless otherwise exempted pursuant to Sections 15-20A-24 and
36 15-20A-25.

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

43 (d) Changes to property within 2,000 feet of an adult
44 sex offender's place of employment which occur after an adult
45 sex offender accepts employment shall not form the basis for
46 finding that an adult sex offender is in violation of this
47 section.

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

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

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



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57 (2) For the purposes of this section, a "first
58 responder" means a paramedic, firefighter, rescue squad
59 member, emergency medical technician, or other individual who,
60 in the course of his or her professional duties, responds to
61 fire, medical, hazardous material, or other similar
62 emergencies, whether compensated or not.

63 (3) The prohibition in this subsection does not create
64 liability for any employer or volunteer organization of first
65 responders.

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

68 "§15-20A-31

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

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

79 (c) (1) No juvenile sex offender shall accept or
80 maintain employment or a volunteer position as a first
81 responder.

82 (2) For the purposes of this section, a "first
83 responder" means a paramedic, firefighter, rescue squad
84 member, emergency medical technician, or other individual who,



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85 in the course of his or her professional duties, responds to
86 fire, medical, hazardous material, or other similar
87 emergencies, whether compensated or not.

88 (3) The prohibition in this subsection does not create
89 liability for any employer or volunteer organization of first
90 responders.

91 ~~(e)~~ (d) Any person who knowingly violates this section
92 shall be guilty of a Class C felony."

93 Section 2. This act shall become effective on October
94 1, 2025.