MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATURE REGULAR SESSION 2015

By: Representative Bennett

To: Judiciary B

HOUSE BILL NO. 607

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 45-33-32, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CLARIFY THE DUTY OF A SEX OFFENDER TO NOTIFY A VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATION REGARDING OFFENDER STATUS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

SECTION 1. Section 45-33-32, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

45-33-32. (1) A person convicted of a sex offense who volunteers for an organization in which volunteers have direct, private and unsupervised contact with minors shall notify the organization of the person's conviction at the time of volunteering. Such notification must be in writing to the organization. *** * ***

(2) If the organization, after notification by the offender as provided in subsection (1), accepts the offender as a volunteer, the organization must notify the parents or guardians of any minors involved in the organization of the offender's criminal record.

(3) This * * * chapter applies to all registered sex offenders regardless of the date of conviction.

(4) Any person previously registered as a sex offender and who has a continuing obligation to be registered as a sex offender shall be notified of the person's duty under this section with the first reregistration form to be sent to the person after July 1, 2004.

(5) If the registered sex offender is currently volunteering for such an organization, the sex offender must resign or notify the organization immediately upon receipt of notice or be subject to the penalties of this chapter.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2015.