

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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A Bill

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS TO TITLE 12 OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING LAW ENFORCEMENT, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS TO TITLE 12 OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING LAW ENFORCEMENT, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 12-12-913(j)(1)(B)(viii), concerning disclosure of sex offender registration records, is amended to read as follows to add clarifying language:

(viii) The sex offender's parole, post-release supervision, or probation office;

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 12-12-1201 is amended to read as follows to add clarifying language and make stylistic changes:

12-12-1201. Authorization.

The Arkansas Crime Information Center ~~is authorized to~~ may develop and operate a computerized victim notification system which shall provide:

(1) A mechanism for victims of criminal offenses or the victim's next of kin to access information about proceedings in the criminal justice



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and corrections systems by use of a twenty-four-hour toll-free in-watts telephone service; and

(2) Automatic notification by computerized telephone service to the victims of criminal offenses or the victim's next of kin of:

(A) ~~An inmate's, parolee's, or probationer's~~ The status of an inmate, parolee, person on post-release supervision, or probationer, including the location of the inmate, parolee, person on post-release supervision, or probationer;

(B) A person's release or modification of a conditional release from the custody of the Arkansas State Hospital, a local or regional hospital, a local or regional mental health facility, or a local or regional jail to which the person has been committed by a court when the person committed a criminal act against the victim but was adjudicated in the criminal case to have a mental disease or defect under § 5-2-301 et seq.; and

(C) A sex offender's application for the termination of the obligation to register as a sex offender under § 12-12-919.

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 12-15-208 is amended to read as follows to add clarifying language:

12-15-208. Department of Corrections employees – Eligibility to carry concealed handgun.

(a) The Secretary of the Department of Corrections or his or her designee may authorize an employee of the Department of Corrections to carry a concealed handgun into a building in which or a location on which a law enforcement officer may carry a concealed handgun, as long as the individual:

- (1) Is presently employed with the department, except as provided under subdivision (d)(2) of this section;
- (2) Is not subject to any disciplinary action that suspends his or her authority to work;
- (3) Is carrying a badge or appropriate written and photographic identification issued by the department;
- (4) Is not otherwise prohibited under federal law from possessing or receiving a firearm;
- (5) Is not under the influence of alcohol or another intoxicating or hallucinatory drug or substance;
- (6) Has provided written authorization for state- and national-

level criminal history records screening with the results of the screening showing that the individual is eligible to legally possess and carry a firearm;

(7) Has fingerprint impressions on file with the Division of Arkansas State Police automated fingerprint identification system; and

(8) Has completed a weapons qualification course administered by the department.

(b) The secretary or his or her designee retains full discretion to deny an employee's request under this section.

(c) An individual carrying a concealed handgun under this section shall annually complete a weapons requalification course administered by the department.

(d) An individual authorized to carry a concealed handgun under this section:

(1) Shall immediately be prohibited from carrying a concealed handgun under this section if the individual no longer meets the criteria stated in subdivisions (a)(2)-(5) of this section; and

(2) Before his or her last day of employment with the department, may seek authorization from the secretary or his or her designee to continue to carry a concealed handgun under this section for an additional six (6) months after his or her last day of employment with the department.

(e)(1) The secretary shall maintain a list of individuals authorized to carry a concealed handgun under this section.

(2) The list required under subdivision (e)(1) of this section:

(A) Shall identify the name and location of assignment for each individual authorized to carry a concealed handgun under this section;

(B) Shall be kept confidential; and

(C) Is not subject to disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act of 1967, § 25-19-101 et seq.

SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 12-18-103(14)(A)(iii), concerning definitions under the Child Maltreatment Act, is amended to read as follows to clarify a reference:

(iii) Failure to take reasonable action to protect the child from abandonment, abuse, sexual abuse, sexual exploitation, or neglect when the existence of the condition was known or should have been

known, and, if for abuse or neglect, the failure to take reasonable action to protect the juvenile child causes the juvenile child serious bodily injury;

SECTION 5. Arkansas Code § 12-26-103(a), concerning the Office of Criminal Detention Facilities Review Coordinator, is amended to read as follows to correct a reference:

(a) There is established the Office of Criminal Detention Facilities Review Coordinator within the ~~Department of Corrections~~ Department of Public Safety which shall consist of:

- (1) A Criminal Detention Facilities Review Coordinator, who shall be hired and employed by and serve at the pleasure of the Secretary of the Department of Public Safety;
- (2) An administrative assistant; and
- (3) Other staff permanently or temporarily assigned from within the Department of Public Safety.

SECTION 6. DO NOT CODIFY. CONSTRUCTION AND LEGISLATIVE INTENT.

It is the intent of the General Assembly that:

(1) The enactment and adoption of this act shall not expressly or impliedly repeal an act passed during the regular session of the Ninety-Fifth General Assembly;

(2) To the extent that a conflict exists between an act of the regular session of the Ninety-Fifth General Assembly and this act:

(A) The act of the regular session of the Ninety-Fifth General Assembly shall be treated as a subsequent act passed by the General Assembly for the purposes of:

(i) Giving the act of the regular session of the Ninety-Fifth General Assembly its full force and effect; and

(ii) Amending or repealing the appropriate parts of the Arkansas Code of 1987; and

(B) Section 1-2-107 shall not apply; and

(3) This act shall make only technical, not substantive, changes to the Arkansas Code of 1987.