## \*\*\*Adopted\*\*\* AMENDMENT No. 1 PROPOSED TO

## Senate Bill NO. 2797

## By Representative(s) Committee

47	Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting
48	in lieu thereof the following:
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50	SECTION 1. Section 45-33-21, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
51	codified as follows:
52	45-33-21. Legislative findings and declaration of purpose.
53	The Legislature finds that the danger of recidivism posed by
54	criminal sex offenders and the protection of the public from these
55	offenders is of paramount concern and interest to government. The
56	Legislature further finds that law enforcement agencies' efforts
57	to protect their communities, conduct investigations, and quickly
58	apprehend criminal sex offenders are impaired by the lack of
59	information shared with the public, which lack of information may
60	result in the failure of the criminal justice system to identify,
61	investigate, apprehend, and prosecute criminal sex offenders.
62	The Legislature further finds that the system of registering
63	criminal sex offenders is a proper exercise of the state's police
64	power regulating present and ongoing conduct. Comprehensive
65	registration and periodic address verification will provide law
66	enforcement with additional information critical to preventing
67	sexual victimization and to resolving promptly incidents involving
68	sexual abuse and exploitation. It will allow law enforcement
69	agencies to alert the public when necessary for the continued

- 70 protection of the community.
- 71 Persons found to have committed a sex offense have a reduced
- 72 expectation of privacy because of the public's interest in safety
- 73 and in the effective operation of government. In balancing
- 74 offenders' due process and other rights, and the interests of
- 75 public security, the Legislature finds that releasing such
- 76 information about criminal sex offenders to the general public
- 77 will further the primary governmental interest of protecting
- 78 vulnerable populations and, in some instances the public, from
- 79 potential harm.
- Therefore, the state's policy is to assist local law
- 81 enforcement agencies' efforts to protect their communities by
- 82 requiring criminal sex offenders to register, to record their
- 83 addresses of residence, to be photographed and fingerprinted, and
- 84 to authorize the release of necessary and relevant information
- 85 about criminal sex offenders to the public as provided in this
- 86 act, which may be referred to as the Mississippi Sex Offenders
- 87 Registration Law.
- SECTION 2. Section 45-33-23, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
- 89 codified as follows:
- 90  $\underline{45-33-23}$  Definitions.
- 91 For the purposes of this chapter, the following words shall
- 92 have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly
- 93 requires otherwise:
- 94 (a) "Conviction" shall mean that, regarding the
- 95 person's offense, there has been a determination or judgment of
- 96 guilt as a result of a trial or the entry of a plea of guilty or
- 97 nolo contendere, regardless of whether adjudication is withheld.
- 98 "Conviction of similar offenses" includes, but is not limited to,
- 99 a conviction by a federal or military tribunal, including a court
- 100 martial conducted by the Armed Forces of the United States, a
- 101 conviction for an offense committed on an Indian Reservation or
- 102 other federal property, and a conviction in any state of the
- 103 United States.
- 104 (b) "Jurisdiction" shall mean any state court, federal

- 105 court, military court or Indian tribunal.
- 106 (c) "Permanent residence" is defined as a place where
- 107 the person abides, lodges, or resides for a period of fourteen
- 108 (14) or more consecutive days.
- 109 (d) "Registration duties" means obtaining the
- 110 registration information required on the form specified by the
- 111 department as well as the photograph, fingerprints, and blood
- 112 sample of the registrant. Blood samples are to be forwarded to
- 113 the State Crime Laboratory pursuant to Section 45-33-37; the
- 114 photograph, fingerprints and other registration information are to
- 115 be forwarded to the Department of Public Safety within three (3)
- 116 days.
- 117 (e) "Responsible agency" is defined as the person or
- 118 government entity whose duty it is to obtain information from a
- 119 criminal sex offender upon conviction and to transmit that
- 120 information to the Mississippi Department of Public Safety.
- 121 (i) For a criminal sex offender being released
- 122 from the custody of the Department of Corrections, the responsible
- 123 agency is the Department of Corrections.
- 124 (ii) For a criminal sex offender being released
- 125 from a county jail, the responsible agency is the sheriff of that
- 126 county.
- 127 (iii) For a criminal sex offender being released
- 128 from a municipal jail, the responsible agency is the police
- 129 department of that municipality.
- 130 (iv) For a sex offender in the custody of youth
- 131 court, the responsible agency is the youth court.
- 132 (v) For a criminal sex offender who is being
- 133 placed on probation, including conditional discharge or
- 134 unconditional discharge, without any sentence of incarceration,
- 135 the responsible agency is the sentencing court.
- 136 (vi) For an offender who has been committed to a
- 137 mental institution following an acquittal by reason of insanity,
- 138 the responsible agency is the facility from which the offender is
- 139 released. Specifically, the director of said facility shall

- 140 notify the Department of Public Safety prior to the offender's
- 141 release.
- 142 (vii) For a criminal sex offender who is being
- 143 released from a jurisdiction outside this state or who has a prior
- 144 conviction in another state and who is to reside in this state,
- 145 the responsible agency is the Department of Public Safety.
- (f) "Sex offense" means any of the following offenses:
- 147 (i) Section 97-3-53 relating to kidnapping, if the
- 148 victim was below the age of eighteen (18);
- 149 (ii) Section 97-3-65 relating to rape;
- 150 (iii) Section 97-3-71 relating to rape and assault
- 151 with intent to ravish;
- 152 (iv) Section 97-3-95 relating to sexual battery;
- 153 (v) Section 97-5-23 relating to the touching of a
- 154 child for lustful purposes;
- 155 (vi) Section 97-5-27 relating to the dissemination
- 156 of sexually oriented material to children;
- 157 (vii) Section 97-5-33 relating to the exploitation
- 158 of children;
- 159 (viii) Section 97-5-41 relating to the carnal
- 160 knowledge of a stepchild, adopted child or child of a cohabiting
- 161 partner;
- 162 (ix) Section 97-29-59 relating to unnatural
- 163 intercourse;
- 164 (x) Any other offense committed in another
- 165 jurisdiction, which, if committed in this state, would be deemed
- 166 to be such a crime without regard to its designation elsewhere; or
- 167 (xi) Any offense committed in another state for
- 168 which registration is required in that state.
- 169 (g) "Sexual predator" means a person who has been
- 170 convicted of a sex offense or offenses as described in Section
- 171 45-33-45 and who has been designated as a sexual predator
- 172 according to the terms of that section.
- 173 (h) "Temporary residence" is defined as a place where
- 174 the person abides, lodges, or resides for a period of fourteen

- 175 (14) or more days in the aggregate during any calendar year and
- 176 which is not the person's permanent address; for a person whose
- 177 permanent residence is not in this state, the place where the
- 178 person is employed, practices a vocation, or is enrolled as a
- 179 student for any period of time in the state; or a place where a
- 180 person routinely abides, lodges, or resides for a period of four
- 181 (4) or more consecutive or nonconsecutive days in any month and
- 182 which is not the person's permanent residence.
- 183 (i) "Department" unless otherwise specified is defined
- 184 as the Mississippi Department of Public Safety.
- SECTION 3. Section 45-33-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
- 186 codified as follows:
- 187 <u>45-33-25.</u> Registration with Mississippi Department of Public
- 188 Safety of all Convicted Sex Offenders; Registration Information.
- 189 (1) Any person residing in this state who has been convicted
- 190 of any sex offense or attempted sex offense or who has been
- 191 acquitted by reason of insanity for any sex offense or attempted
- 192 sex offense or twice adjudicated delinquent for any sex offense or
- 193 attempted sex offense shall register with the Mississippi
- 194 Department of Public Safety. The department shall provide the
- 195 initial registration information as well as every change of
- 196 address to the sheriff of the county of the residence address of
- 197 the registrant through either written notice, electronic or
- 198 telephone transmissions, or online access to registration
- 199 information. Further, the department shall provide this
- 200 information to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Additionally,
- 201 upon notification by the registrant that he intends to reside
- 202 outside the State of Mississippi, the department shall notify the
- 203 appropriate state law enforcement agency of any state to which a
- 204 registrant is moving or has moved.
- 205 (2) The following information shall be required for
- 206 registration:
- 207 (a) Name;
- 208 (b) Address;
- 209 (c) Place of employment;

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               (d) Crime for which convicted;
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                    Date and place of conviction, adjudication or
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     acquittal by reason of insanity;
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                    Aliases used;
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                    Social security number;
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                    Date of birth;
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               (i)
                    Age, race, sex, height, weight, and hair and eye
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     colors;
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                    A brief description of the offense or offenses for
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     which the registration is required;
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                    Identifying factors;
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                    Anticipated future residence;
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                   Offense history;
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                    Photograph;
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               (p) For sexual predators, documentation of any
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     treatment received for any mental abnormality or personality
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     disorder of the person;
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               (q) Blood sample; and
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                    Any other information deemed necessary.
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               For purposes of this chapter, a person is considered to
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     be residing in this state if he maintains a permanent or temporary
     residence as defined in Section 45-33-23, including students,
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     temporary employees and military personnel on assignment.
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          SECTION 4. Section 45-33-27, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
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     codified as follows:
          45-33-27. Time Frame for Registration of Offenders.
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               A person required to register on the basis of a
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     conviction, adjudication of delinquency or acquittal by reason of
     insanity entered shall register within three (3) days of the date
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     of judgment unless the person is immediately confined or
     committed, in which case the person shall register when released
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     in accordance with the procedures established by the department.
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     The court shall inform the person of the duty to register and
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obtain the information required for registration and forward the

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- 245 registration information to the department within three (3) days.
- 246 (2) If a person who is required to register under this
- 247 section is released from prison or placed on parole or supervised
- 248 release, the Department of Corrections shall perform the
- 249 registration duties at the time of release and forward the
- 250 registration information to the Department of Public Safety within
- 251 three (3) days.
- 252 (3) If a person required to register under this section is
- 253 placed on probation, the court, at the time of entering the order,
- 254 shall obtain the registration information and forward the
- 255 registration information to the Department of Public Safety within
- 256 three (3) days.
- 257 (4) Any person required to register who is neither
- 258 incarcerated, detained nor committed at the time the requirement
- 259 to register shall attach shall present himself to the county
- 260 sheriff who shall perform the registration duties and forward the
- 261 registration information to the Department of Public Safety within
- 262 three (3) days.
- 263 (5) An offender moving to or returning to this state from
- 264 another jurisdiction shall notify the Department of Public Safety
- 265 ten (10) days before the person first resides in or returns to a
- 266 county in this state and shall register with the department within
- 267 ten (10) days of first residing in or returning to a county of
- 268 this state. The offender must then present himself to the sheriff
- 269 of the county in which he intends to reside to provide the
- 270 required registration information.
- 271 (6) A person, other than a person confined in a correctional
- 272 or juvenile detention facility or involuntarily committed on the
- 273 basis of mental illness, who is required to register on the basis
- 274 of a sex offense for which a conviction, adjudication of
- 275 delinquency or acquittal by reason of insanity was entered prior
- 276 to July 1, 1995, shall register with the sheriff of the county in
- 277 which he resides no later than August 15, 2000.
- SECTION 5. Section 45-33-29, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
- 279 codified as follows:

- 280 <u>45-33-29.</u> Address Change Notification.
- Upon any change of address, an offender under this chapter
- 282 must notify the department in writing no less than ten (10) days
- 283 before he intends to first reside at the new address.
- SECTION 6. Section 45-33-31, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
- 285 codified as follows:
- 286  $\underline{45-33-31}$ . Reregistration.
- 287 A registrant shall reregister every ninety (90) days by
- 288 submitting current information to the department verifying his
- 289 registration information, including address, telephone number,
- 290 place of employment, address of employment, and any other
- 291 registration information that may need to be verified.
- 292 (a) The Department of Public Safety shall mail a
- 293 nonforwardable verification form to the last reported address of
- 294 the person every ninety (90) days.
- 295 (b) The person shall mail the verification form to the
- 296 department within ten (10) days after receipt of the form
- 297 verifying that the person resides at the address last reported.
- 298 (c) If the person fails to mail the verification form
- 299 to the department within ten (10) days after receipt of the form,
- 300 the person shall be in violation of this section.
- 301 SECTION 7. Section 45-33-33, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
- 302 codified as follows:
- 45-33-33. Failure to Register; Penalties and Enforcement.
- 304 (1) The failure of an offender to provide any registration
- 305 or other information, including, but not limited to, initial
- 306 registration, reregistration or change of address information, as
- 307 required by this chapter, is a violation of the law.
- 308 Additionally, forgery of information or submission of information
- 309 under false pretenses is also a violation of the law.
- 310 (2) Unless otherwise specified, a violation of this chapter
- 311 shall be considered a felony and shall be punishable by a fine not
- 312 more than Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) or imprisonment in the
- 313 State Penitentiary for not more than five (5) years, or both fine
- 314 and imprisonment.

- 315 (3) Whenever it appears that an offender has failed to 316 comply with the duty to register or reregister, the department
- 317 shall promptly notify the sheriff of the county of the last known
- 318 address of the offender. Upon notification, the sheriff shall
- 319 attempt to locate the offender at his last known address.
- 320 (a) If the sheriff locates the offender he shall
- 321 enforce the provisions of this chapter. The sheriff shall then
- 322 notify the department with the current information regarding the
- 323 offender.
- 324 (b) If the sheriff is unable to locate the offender,
- 325 the sheriff shall promptly notify the department and initiate a
- 326 criminal prosecution against the offender for the failure to
- 327 register or reregister. The sheriff shall make the appropriate
- 328 transactions into the Federal Bureau of Investigation's
- 329 wanted-person database.
- 330 (4) A first violation of this chapter may result in the
- 331 arrest of the offender. Upon any second or subsequent violation
- 332 of this chapter, the offender shall be arrested for such
- 333 violation.
- 334 SECTION 8. Section 45-33-35, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
- 335 codified as follows:
- 45-33-35. Central Registry of Offenders; Duties of Agencies
- 337 to Provide Information.
- 338 (1) The Mississippi Department of Public Safety shall
- 339 maintain a central registry of sex offender information as defined
- 340 in Section 45-33-25 and shall adopt rules and regulations
- 341 necessary to carry out this section. The responsible agencies
- 342 shall provide the information required in Section 45-33-25 on a
- 343 form developed by the department to ensure accurate information is
- 344 maintained.
- 345 (2) Upon conviction, adjudication or acquittal by reason of
- 346 insanity of any sex offender, if the sex offender is not
- 347 immediately confined or not sentenced to a term of imprisonment,
- 348 the clerk of the court which convicted and sentenced the  $\ensuremath{\text{sex}}$
- 349 offender shall inform the person of the duty to register and shall

- 350 perform the registration duties as described in Section 45-33-23
- 351 and forward the information to the department.
- 352 (3) Upon release from prison, placement on parole or
- 353 supervised release, the Department of Corrections shall inform the
- 354 person of the duty to register and shall perform the registration
- 355 duties as described in Section 45-33-23 and forward the
- 356 information to the Department of Public Safety.
- 357 (4) Upon release from confinement in a mental institution
- 358 following an acquittal by reason of insanity, the director of the
- 359 facility shall inform the offender of the duty to register and
- 360 shall notify the Department of Public Safety of the offender's
- 361 release.
- 362 (5) Upon release from a youthful offender facility, the
- 363 director of the facility shall inform the person of the duty to
- 364 register and shall perform the registration duties as described in
- 365 Section 45-33-23 and forward the information to the Department of
- 366 Public Safety.
- 367 (6) In addition to performing the registration duties, the
- 368 responsible agency shall:
- 369 (a) Inform the person having a duty to register that:
- 370 (i) The person shall report in writing any change
- 371 of address to the department ten (10) days before changing
- 372 address.
- 373 (ii) Any change of address to another state shall
- 374 be reported to the department in writing no less than ten (10)
- 375 days before the change of address. The offender shall comply with
- 376 any registration requirement in the new state.
- 377 (iii) The person must register in any state where
- 378 the person is employed, carries on a vocation, is stationed in the
- 379 military or is a student.
- 380 (iv) All address verifications must be returned to
- 381 the department within the required time period.
- 382 (b) Require the person to read and sign a form stating
- 383 that the duty of the person to register under this chapter has
- 384 been explained.

- 385 (c) Obtain or facilitate the obtaining of a blood
- 386 sample from every registrant as required by this chapter if such
- 387 blood sample has not already been provided to the Mississippi
- 388 Crime Lab.
- 389 SECTION 9. Section 45-33-37, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
- 390 codified as follows:
- 391  $\underline{45-33-37}$ . DNA Identification System; Convicted Sex Offender
- 392 to Provide Blood Sample for Purposes of DNA Identification
- 393 Analysis.
- 394 (1) The Mississippi Crime Laboratory shall develop a plan
- 395 for and establish a deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) identification
- 396 system. In implementing the plan, the Mississippi Crime
- 397 Laboratory shall purchase the appropriate equipment. The DNA
- 398 identification system as established herein shall be compatible
- 399 with that utilized by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.
- 400 (2) From and after January 1, 1996, every individual
- 401 convicted of a sex offense or in the custody of the Mississippi
- 402 Department of Corrections for a sex offense as defined in Section
- 403 45-33-23 shall have a blood sample drawn for purposes of DNA
- 404 identification analysis before release from or transfer to a state
- 405 correctional facility or county jail or other detention facility.
- 406 (3) From and after January 1, 1996, any person having a duty
- 407 to register under Section 45-33-25 for whom a DNA analysis is not
- 408 already on file shall have a blood sample drawn for purposes of
- 409 DNA identification analysis within five (5) working days after
- 410 registration.
- SECTION 10. Section 45-33-39, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
- 412 codified as follows:
- 413 <u>45-33-39.</u> Notification to Defendant Charged with Sex
- 414 Offense; Notice Included on any Guilty Plea Form and Judgement and
- 415 Sentence Forms.
- 416 (1) The court shall provide written notification to any
- 417 defendant charged with a sex offense as defined by this chapter of
- 418 the registration requirements of Sections 45-33-25 and 45-33-31.
- 419 Such notice shall be included on any guilty plea forms and

- 420 judgment and sentence forms provided to the defendant. The court
- 421 shall obtain a written acknowledgment of receipt on each occasion.
- 422 (2) A court imposing a sentence, disposition or order of
- 423 commitment following acquittal by reason of insanity shall notify
- 424 the offender of the registration requirements of Sections 45-33-25
- 425 and 45-33-31. The court shall obtain a written acknowledgment of
- 426 receipt on each occasion.
- 427 SECTION 11. Section 45-33-41, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
- 428 codified as follows:
- 429 45-33-41. Notification to Inmates and Offenders by
- 430 Department of Corrections, County or Municipal Jails, and Juvenile
- 431 Detention Facilities; Victim Notification.
- 432 (1) The Department of Corrections or any person having
- 433 charge of a county or municipal jail or any juvenile detention
- 434 facility shall provide written notification to an inmate or
- 435 offender in the custody of the jail or other facility due to a
- 436 conviction of or adjudication for a sex offense of the
- 437 registration requirements of Sections 45-33-25 and 45-33-31 at the
- 438 time of the inmate's or offender's confinement and release from
- 439 confinement and shall receive a signed acknowledgment of receipt
- 440 on both occasions.
- 441 (2) At least ten (10) days prior to the inmate's release
- 442 from confinement, the Department of Corrections shall notify the
- 443 victim of the offense or a designee of the immediate family of the
- 444 victim regarding the date when the offender's release shall occur,
- 445 provided a current address of the victim or designated family
- 446 member has been furnished in writing to the Director of Records
- 447 for such purpose.
- SECTION 12. Section 45-33-43, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
- 449 codified as follows:
- 450 <u>45-33-43.</u> Written Notification to Certain Applicants for a
- 451 Driver's License.
- 452 At the time a person surrenders a driver's license from
- 453 another jurisdiction and makes an application for a driver's
- 454 license, the department shall provide the applicant with written

- 455 information on the registration requirements of this chapter.
- 456 SECTION 13. Section 45-33-45, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
- 457 codified as follows:
- 458  $\underline{45-33-45}$ . Sexual Predator Designation.
- 459 (1) The designation of a person as a sexual predator is
- 460 neither a sentence nor a punishment, but is simply a status
- 461 resulting from the conviction of certain crimes.
- 462 (2) An offender shall be designated a sexual predator in the
- 463 State of Mississippi if:
- 464 (a) The offender is convicted of any of the following
- 465 crimes on or after July 1, 1995.
- 466 (i) Section 97-3-65 relating to rape and carnal
- 467 knowledge of a child under fourteen (14) years of age;
- 468 (ii) Section 97-3-71 relating to rape and assault
- 469 with intent to ravish;
- 470 (iii) Section 97-3-95 relating to sexual battery;
- 471 (iv) Subsections (1) and (2) of Section 97-5-33
- 472 relating to the exploitation of children;
- 473 (v) Section 97-5-41 relating to the carnal
- 474 knowledge of a stepchild, adopted child or child of a cohabiting
- 475 partner; or
- 476 (vi) Any violation of a similar law of another
- 477 jurisdiction.
- 478 (b) The offender receives two (2) separate convictions
- 479 of any of the qualifying offenses as described in Section 45-33-23
- 480 as long as one (1) of the convictions was entered on or after July
- 481 1, 1995.
- 482 (c) The offender is twice adjudicated delinquent in a
- 483 youth court for the crime of rape pursuant to Section 97-3-65 or
- 484 sexual battery pursuant to Section 97-3-95.
- 485 (3) When an offender is before the court for sentencing for
- 486 one of the above qualifying offenses, the sentencing court shall
- 487 make a written finding at the time of sentencing that the offender
- 488 is a sexual predator based on a first conviction for the crimes
- 489 described in subsection (2)(a) above or a second conviction for

- 490 any of the qualifying offenses in this chapter. The court shall
- 491 submit a copy of the court order containing the written finding to
- 492 the department and also to the Department of Corrections, if the
- 493 offender is incarcerated.
- 494 (4) If the department, the Department of Corrections, or any
- 495 other law enforcement agency obtains information suggesting an
- 496 offender meets the "sexual predator" designation criteria, but has
- 497 not been designated as a sexual predator in writing by the court,
- 498 that agency shall notify the district attorney of the district in
- 499 which the offender resides. The district attorney shall then seek
- 500 a court order to obtain the designation.
- 501 (5) Any offender convicted as described in subsection (2) of
- 502 this section shall be required to maintain lifetime registration
- 503 without the opportunity to petition for removal from the sex
- 504 offender registry.
- 505 (6) The offender will be considered a sexual predator for
- 506 such convictions unless the conviction was set aside in any
- 507 post-conviction proceeding or the offender received a pardon or
- 508 similar relief. An offender who resides in Mississippi and who
- 509 has been designated a sexual predator, a sexually violent predator
- 510 or a similar designation in another state will be designated a
- 511 sexual predator in the Mississippi sex offender registry.
- SECTION 14. Section 45-33-47, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
- 513 codified as follows:
- $\underline{45-33-47}$ . Petition for Relief from Duty to Register;
- 515 **Grounds.**
- 516 (1) A sex offender with a duty to register under Section
- 517 45-33-25 shall only be relieved of the duty under subsection (2)
- 518 of this section.
- 519 (2) A person having a duty to register under Section
- 520 45-33-25 may petition the circuit court to be relieved of that
- 521 duty under the following conditions:
- 522 (a) The offender has maintained his registration for
- 100 not less than ten (10) years from the date of occurrence of at
- 524 least one (1) of the following: release from prison, placement on

- 525 parole, supervised release or probation.
- 526 (b) The offender has not been designated a sexual
- 527 predator.
- 528 (3) In determining whether to release an offender from the
- 529 obligation to register, the court shall consider the nature of the
- 530 registerable offense committed and the criminal and relevant
- 531 noncriminal behavior of the petitioner both before and after
- 532 conviction. The court may relieve the offender of the duty to
- 533 register only if the petitioner shows, by clear and convincing
- 534 evidence, that future registration of the petitioner will not
- 535 serve the purposes of this chapter.
- SECTION 15. Section 45-33-49, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
- 537 codified as follows:
- $\underline{45-33-49}$ . Disclosure to Public; Notification of Schools and
- 539 Day Care Centers; Guidelines for Sheriffs as to Notification;
- 540 Maintenance of Records.
- 541 (1) Records maintained pursuant to this chapter shall be
- 542 open to law enforcement agencies which shall be authorized to
- 543 release relevant and necessary information regarding sex offenders
- 544 to the public.
- 545 (2) The identity of a victim of an offense that requires
- 546 registration under this chapter shall not be released.
- 547 (3) A sheriff shall maintain records for registrants of the
- 548 county and shall make available to any person upon request the
- 549 name, address, place of employment, crime for which convicted,
- 550 date and place of conviction of any registrant, and any other
- information deemed necessary for the protection of the public.
- 552 The sheriffs shall be responsible for verifying their respective
- 553 registries annually against the department's records to ensure
- 554 current information is available at both levels.
- 555 (4) Upon written request, the department may also provide to
- 556 any person the name, address, photograph, if available, place of
- 557 employment, crime for which convicted, date and place of
- 558 conviction of any registrant, and any other information deemed
- 559 necessary for the protection of the public. Additionally, the

- 560 department may utilize an internet website or other electronic
- 561 means to release the information.
- 562 (5) The Department of Education, the Mississippi Private
- 563 School Association and the Department of Health shall notify all
- 564 schools and licensed day care centers annually regarding the
- 565 availability upon request of this information.
- 566 (6) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent
- 1567 law enforcement officers from notifying members of the public
- 568 exposed to danger of any circumstances or individuals that pose a
- 569 danger under circumstances that are not enumerated in this
- 570 section.
- 571 (7) Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to prevent
- 572 law enforcement officers from providing community notification of
- 573 any circumstances or individuals that pose or could pose a danger
- 574 under circumstances that are not enumerated in this chapter.
- SECTION 16. Section 45-33-51, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
- 576 codified as follows:
- 577 <u>45-33-51.</u> Misuse of Information; Penalties.
- 578 (1) Any person who willfully misuses or alters public record
- 579 information relating to a sex offender or sexual predator,
- 580 including information displayed by law enforcement agencies on web
- 581 sites, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a
- 582 fine of not more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) or
- imprisonment in the county jail not more than six (6) months, or
- 584 both.
- 585 (2) The sale or exchange of sex offender information for
- 586 profit is prohibited. Any violation of this subsection (2) is a
- 587 misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine of not more than One
- 588 Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) or imprisonment in the county jail
- 589 not more than six (6) months, or both.
- SECTION 17. Section 45-33-53, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
- 591 codified as follows:
- 592 <u>45-33-53.</u> Immunity from Civil Liability; Immunity for
- 593 Exercise of Discretion Under Act.
- 594 (1) An elected public official, public employee, or public

- 595 agency is immune from civil liability for damages for any
- 596 discretionary decision to release relevant and necessary
- 597 information unless it is shown that the official, employee, or
- 598 agency acted with gross negligence or in bad faith. The immunity
- 599 provided under this section applies to the release of relevant
- 600 information to other employees or officials or to the general
- 601 public.
- 602 (2) Nothing in this chapter shall be deemed to impose any
- 603 liability upon or to give rise to a cause of action against any
- 604 public official, public employee, or public agency for failing to
- 605 release information as authorized in this section.
- 606 (3) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the
- 607 contrary, any person who provides or fails to provide information
- 608 relevant to the procedures set forth in this chapter shall not be
- 609 liable therefor in any civil or criminal action. Nothing herein
- 610 shall be deemed to grant any such immunity to any person for his
- 611 willful or wanton act of commission or omission.
- SECTION 18. Section 45-33-55, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
- 613 codified as follows:
- 614  $\underline{45-33-55}$ . Exemptions for Expunction.
- Except for juvenile criminal history information that has
- 616 been sealed by order of the court, this chapter exempts sex
- 617 offenses from laws of this state or court orders authorizing the
- 618 destroying, expunging, purging or sealing of criminal history
- 619 records to the extent such information is authorized for
- 620 dissemination under this chapter.
- SECTION 19. Section 45-33-57, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
- 622 codified as follows:
- 623 45-33-57. **Fees.**
- The Department of Public Safety may adopt regulations to
- 625 establish fees to be charged for information requests.
- 626 SECTION 20. Sections 45-33-1, 45-33-3, 45-33-5, 45-33-7,
- 627 45-33-9, 45-33-11, 45-33-13, 45-33-15, 45-33-17 and 45-33-19,
- 628 Mississippi Code of 1972, which deal with the registration of
- 629 convicted sex offenders, are repealed.

630 SECTION 21. Sections 45-31-1, 45-31-3, 45-31-5, 45-31-7,

631 45-31-9, 45-31-11, 45-31-12, 45-31-13, 45-31-15, 45-31-17, and

632 45-31-19, Mississippi Code of 1972, which comprise the Sex Offense

- 633 Criminal History Record Information Act, are repealed.
- SECTION 22. Section 43-21-255, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
- 635 amended as follows:
- 636 43-21-255. (1) Except as otherwise provided by this
- 637 section, all records involving children made and retained by law
- 638 enforcement officers and agencies or by the youth court prosecutor
- 639 and the contents thereof shall be kept confidential and shall not
- 640 be disclosed except as provided in Section 43-21-261.
- 641 (2) A child in the jurisdiction of the youth court and who
- 642 has been taken into custody for an act, which if committed by an
- 643 adult would be considered a felony or offenses involving
- 644 possession or use of a dangerous weapon or any firearm, may be
- 645 photographed or fingerprinted or both. Any law enforcement agency
- 646 taking such photographs or fingerprints shall immediately report
- 647 the existence and location of the photographs and fingerprints to
- 648 the youth court. Copies of fingerprints known to be those of a
- 649 child shall be maintained on a local basis only. Such copies of
- 650 fingerprints may be forwarded to another local, state or federal
- 651 bureau of criminal identification or regional depository for
- 652 identification purposes only. Such copies of fingerprints shall
- 653 be returned promptly and shall not be maintained by such agencies.
- 654 (3) Any law enforcement record involving children who have
- 655 been taken into custody for an act, which if committed by an adult
- 656 would be considered a felony and/or offenses involving possession
- or use of a dangerous weapon including photographs and
- 658 fingerprints, may be released to a law enforcement agency
- 659 supported by public funds, youth court officials and appropriate
- 660 school officials without a court order under Section 43-21-261.
- 661 Law enforcement records shall be released to youth court officials
- and to appropriate school officials upon written request. Except
- $\,$  as provided in subsection (4) of this section, any law enforcement
- 664 agency releasing such records of children in the jurisdiction of

665 the youth court shall immediately report the release and location

of the records to the youth court. The law enforcement agencies,

667 youth court officials and school officials receiving such records

668 are prohibited from using the photographs and fingerprints for any

669 purpose other than for criminal law enforcement and juvenile law

670 enforcement. Each law enforcement officer or employee, each youth

671 court official or employee and each school official or employee

672 receiving the records shall submit to the sender a signed

673 statement acknowledging his or her duty to maintain the

674 confidentiality of the records. In no instance shall the fact

675 that such records of children in the jurisdiction of the youth

676 court exist be conveyed to any private individual, firm,

677 association or corporation or to any public or quasi-public agency

678 the duties of which do not include criminal law enforcement or

679 juvenile law enforcement.

- (4) When a child's driver's license is suspended for refusal to take a test provided under the Mississippi Implied Consent Law, the law enforcement agency shall report such refusal, without a court order under Section 43-21-261, to the Commissioner of Public Safety in the same manner as such suspensions are reported in
- 685 cases involving adults.
- 686 (5) All records involving a child convicted as an adult or
- 687 who has been twice adjudicated delinquent for a sex offense as
- defined by Section 45-33-23, Mississippi Code of 1972, shall be
- 689 public and shall not be kept confidential.
- SECTION 23. Section 43-21-261, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
- 691 amended as follows:
- 692 43-21-261. (1) Except as otherwise provided in this
- 693 section, records involving children shall not be disclosed, other
- 694 than to necessary staff of the youth court, except pursuant to an
- 695 order of the youth court specifying the person or persons to whom
- 696 the records may be disclosed, the extent of the records which may
- 697 be disclosed and the purpose of the disclosure. Such court orders
- 698 for disclosure shall be limited to those instances in which the
- 699 youth court concludes, in its discretion, that disclosure is

- 700 required for the best interests of the child, the public safety or
- 701 the functioning of the youth court and then only to the following
- 702 persons:
- 703 (a) The judge of another youth court or member of
- 704 another youth court staff;
- 705 (b) The court of the parties in a child custody or
- 706 adoption cause in another court;
- 707 (c) A judge of any other court or members of another
- 708 court staff;
- 709 (d) Representatives of a public or private agency
- 710 providing supervision or having custody of the child under order
- 711 of the youth court;
- 712 (e) Any person engaged in a bona fide research purpose,
- 713 provided that no information identifying the subject of the
- 714 records shall be made available to the researcher unless it is
- 715 absolutely essential to the research purpose and the judge gives
- 716 prior written approval, and the child, through his or her
- 717 representative, gives permission to release the information;
- 718 (f) The Mississippi Employment Security Commission, or
- 719 its duly authorized representatives, for the purpose of a child's
- 720 enrollment into the Job Corps Training Program as authorized by
- 721 Title IV of the Comprehensive Employment Training Act of 1973 (29
- 722 USCS Section 923 et seq.). However, no records, reports,
- 723 investigations or information derived therefrom pertaining to
- 724 child abuse or neglect shall be disclosed; and
- 725 (g) To any person pursuant to a finding by a judge of
- 726 the youth court of compelling circumstances affecting the health
- 727 or safety of a child and that such disclosure is in the best
- 728 interests of the child.
- 729 Law enforcement agencies may disclose information to the
- 730 public concerning the taking of a child into custody for the
- 731 commission of a delinquent act without the necessity of an order
- 732 from the youth court. The information released shall not identify
- 733 the child or his address unless the information involves a child
- 734 convicted as an adult.

- 735 (2) Any records involving children which are disclosed under
- 736 an order of the youth court and the contents thereof shall be kept
- 737 confidential by the person or agency to whom the record is
- 738 disclosed except as provided in the order. Any further disclosure
- 739 of any records involving children shall be made only under an
- 740 order of the youth court as provided in this section.
- 741 (3) Upon request, the parent, guardian or custodian of the
- 742 child who is the subject of a youth court cause or any attorney
- 743 for such parent, guardian or custodian, shall have the right to
- 744 inspect any record, report or investigation which is to be
- 745 considered by the youth court at a hearing, except that the
- 746 identity of the reporter shall not be released, nor the name of
- 747 any other person where the person or agency making the information
- 748 available finds that disclosure of the information would be likely
- 749 to endanger the life or safety of such person.
- 750 (4) Upon request, the child who is the subject of a youth
- 751 court cause shall have the right to have his counsel inspect and
- 752 copy any record, report or investigation which is filed with the
- 753 youth court.
- 754 (5) (a) The youth court prosecutor or prosecutors, the
- 755 county attorney, the district attorney, the youth court defender
- 756 or defenders, or any attorney representing a child shall have the
- 757 right to inspect any law enforcement record involving children.
- 758 (b) The Department of Human Services shall disclose to
- 759 a county prosecuting attorney or district attorney any and all
- 760 records resulting from an investigation into suspected child abuse
- 761 or neglect when the case has been referred by the Department of
- 762 Human Services to the county prosecuting attorney or district
- 763 attorney for criminal prosecution.
- 764 (c) Agency records made confidential under the
- 765 provisions of this section may be disclosed to a court of
- 766 competent jurisdiction.
- 767 (6) Information concerning an investigation into a report of
- 768 child abuse or child neglect may be disclosed by the Department of
- 769 Human Services without order of the youth court to any attorney,

- 770 physician, dentist, intern, resident, nurse, psychologist, social
- 771 worker, child care giver, minister, law enforcement officer,
- 772 public or private school employee making that report pursuant to
- 773 Section 43-21-353(1) if the reporter has a continuing professional
- 774 relationship with the child and a need for such information in
- 775 order to protect or treat the child.
- 776 (7) Information concerning an investigation into a report of
- 777 child abuse or child neglect may be disclosed without further
- 778 order of the youth court to any interagency child abuse task force
- 779 established in any county or municipality by order of the youth
- 780 court of that county or municipality.
- 781 (8) Names and addresses of juveniles twice adjudicated as
- 782 delinquent for an act which would be a felony if committed by an
- 783 adult or for the unlawful possession of a firearm shall not be
- 784 held confidential and shall be made available to the public.
- 785 (9) Names and addresses of juveniles adjudicated as
- 786 delinquent for murder, manslaughter, burglary, arson, armed
- 787 robbery, aggravated assault, any sex offense as defined in Section
- 788 45-33-23, for any violation of Section 41-29-139(a)(1) or for any
- 789 violation of Section 63-11-30, shall not be held confidential and
- 790 shall be made available to the public.
- 791 (10) The judges of the circuit and county courts, and
- 792 presentence investigators for the circuit courts, as provided in
- 793 Section 47-7-9, shall have the right to inspect any youth court
- 794 records of a person convicted of a crime for sentencing purposes
- 795 only.
- 796 (11) The victim of an offense committed by a child who is
- 797 the subject of a youth court cause shall have the right to be
- 798 informed of the child's disposition by the youth court.
- 799 (12) The Classification Committee of the State Department of
- 800 Corrections, as provided in Section 47-5-103, shall have the right
- 801 to inspect any youth court records, excluding abuse and neglect
- 802 records, of any offender in the custody of the department who as a
- 803 child or minor was a juvenile offender or was the subject of a
- 804 youth court cause of action, and the State Parole Board, as

provided in Section 47-7-17, shall have the right to inspect such records when said offender becomes eligible for parole.

807 (13) The youth court shall notify the Department of Public
808 Safety of the name, and any other identifying information such
809 department may require, of any child who is adjudicated delinquent
810 as a result of a violation of the Uniform Controlled Substances
811 Law.

(14) The Administrative Office of Courts shall have the right to inspect any youth court records in order that the number of youthful offenders, abused, neglected, truant and dependent children, as well as children in need of special care and children in need of supervision, may be tracked with specificity through the youth court and adult justice system, and to utilize tracking forms for such purpose.

(15) Upon a request by a youth court, the Administrative Office of Courts shall disclose all information at its disposal concerning any previous youth court intakes alleging that a child was a delinquent child, child in need of supervision, child in need of special care, truant child, abused child or neglected child, as well as any previous youth court adjudications for the same and all dispositional information concerning a child who at the time of such request comes under the jurisdiction of the youth court making such request.

(16) In every case where an abuse or neglect allegation has been made, the confidentiality provisions of this section shall not apply to prohibit access to a child's records by any state regulatory agency, any state or local prosecutorial agency or law enforcement agency; provided, however, that no identifying information concerning the child in question may be released to the public by such agency except as otherwise provided herein.

(17) In every case where there is any indication or suggestion of either abuse or neglect and a child's physical condition is medically labeled as medically "serious" or "critical" or a child dies, the confidentiality provisions of this section shall not apply.

- 840 (18) Any member of a foster care review board designated by
- 841 the Department of Human Services shall have the right to inspect
- 842 youth court records relating to the abuse, neglect or child in
- 843 need of supervision cases assigned to such member for review.
- SECTION 24. Section 37-3-51, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
- 845 amended as follows:
- 846 37-3-51. (1) Upon the conviction of any certificated
- 847 personnel as defined in Section 37-19-7, employed by a public or
- 848 private elementary or secondary school, of any felony, or of a sex
- 849 offense as defined in subsection (2) of this section, the district
- 850 attorney or other prosecuting attorney shall identify those
- 851 defendants for the circuit clerk. Each circuit clerk shall
- 852 provide the State Department of Education with notice of the
- 853 conviction of any such personnel of a felony or a sex offense.
- 854 (2) "Sex offense" shall mean any of the following offenses:
- 855 (a) Section 97-3-65, Mississippi Code of 1972, relating
- 856 to the carnal knowledge of a child under fourteen (14) years of
- 857 age;
- 858 (b) Section 97-3-95, Mississippi Code of 1972, relating
- 859 to sexual battery;
- 860 (c) Section 97-5-21, Mississippi Code of 1972, relating
- 861 to seduction of a child under age eighteen (18);
- 862 (d) Section 97-5-23, Mississippi Code of 1972, relating
- 863 to the touching of a child for lustful purposes;
- 864 (e) Section 97-5-27, Mississippi Code of 1972, relating
- 865 to the dissemination of sexually oriented material to children;
- 866 (f) Section 97-5-33, Mississippi Code of 1972, relating
- 867 to the exploitation of children;
- 868 (g) Section 97-5-41, Mississippi Code of 1972, relating
- 869 to the carnal knowledge of a stepchild, adopted child, or child of
- 870 a cohabitating partner;
- 871 (h) Section 97-29-59, Mississippi Code of 1972,
- 872 relating to unnatural intercourse; or
- 873 (i) Any other offense committed in another jurisdiction
- 874 which, if committed in this state, would be deemed to be such a

- 875 crime without regard to its designation elsewhere.
- 876 (3) In addition, the State Department of Education is
- 877 considered to be the employer of such personnel for purposes of
- 878 requesting a criminal \* \* \* record background checks.
- 879 SECTION 25. Section 43-16-9, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
- 880 amended as follows:
- 881 43-16-9. Such notification shall be filed by the executive
- 882 director of the child residential home to the department upon
- 883 forms provided by the department and shall contain the following
- 884 information:
- 885 (a) Name, street address, mailing address and phone
- 886 number of the home.
- 887 (b) Name of the executive director and all staff
- 888 members of the home.
- 889 (c) Name and description of the agency or organization
- 890 operating the home, which shall include a statement as to whether
- 891 or not the agency or organization is incorporated.
- 892 (d) Name and address of the sponsoring organization of
- 893 the home, if applicable.
- (e) The names of all children living at the home which
- 895 shall include the following personal data:
- (i) Full name and a copy of the child's birth
- 897 certificate;
- 898 (ii) Name and address of parent(s) or guardian(s);
- 899 and
- 900 (iii) Name and address of other nearest relative.
- 901 (f) School(s) attended by the children served by such
- 902 home.
- 903 (g) Fire department or State Fire Marshal inspection
- 904 certificate.
- 905 (h) Local health department inspection certificate.
- 906 (i) Proof, to be shown by the sworn affidavit of the
- 907 executive director of the home, that the home has \* \* \* performed
- 908 (i) \* \* \* criminal \* \* \* record <u>background</u> checks, and (ii) felony
- 909 conviction record information checks on all employees, prospective

- 910 employees, volunteers and prospective volunteers at such home, and
- 911 that such records are maintained to the extent permitted by law,
- 912 for every such employee, prospective employee, volunteer and
- 913 prospective volunteer.
- 914 (j) Proof, to be shown by the sworn affidavit of the
- 915 executive director of the home, that medical records are
- 916 maintained for each child.
- 917 SECTION 26. Section 43-20-8, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
- 918 amended as follows:
- 919 43-20-8. (1) The licensing agency shall have powers and
- 920 duties as set forth below in addition to other duties prescribed
- 921 under this chapter:
- 922 (a) Promulgate rules and regulations concerning the
- 923 licensing and regulation of child care facilities as defined
- 924 herein;
- 925 (b) Have the authority to issue, deny, suspend, revoke,
- 926 restrict or otherwise take disciplinary action against licensees
- 927 as provided for in this chapter;
- 928 (c) Set and collect fees and penalties as provided for
- 929 in this chapter; and
- 930 (d) Have such other powers as may be required to carry
- 931 out the provisions of this chapter.
- 932 (2) Child care facilities shall assure that parents have
- 933 welcome access to the child care facility at all times.
- 934 (3) Child care facilities shall require that, for any
- 935 <u>current or prospective caregiver</u>, current \* \* \* criminal <u>records</u>
- 936  $\underline{\text{background checks}}$  and  $\underline{\text{current}}$  child abuse registry checks are
- 937 obtained \* \* \*. In order to determine the applicant's suitability
- 938 for employment, the applicant shall be fingerprinted. If no
- 939 disqualifying record is identified at the state level, the
- 940 fingerprints shall be forwarded by the Department of Public Safety
- 941 to the FBI for a national criminal history record check.
- 942 (4) The licensing agency shall require to be performed a
- 943 felony conviction records check, a sex offense criminal records
- 944 check and a child abuse registry check for any owner/operator of a

- 945 child care facility and any person living in a residence used for
- 946 child care. In order to determine the applicant's suitability for
- 947 employment, the applicant shall be fingerprinted. If no
- 948 disqualifying record is identified at the state level, the
- 949 fingerprints shall be forwarded by the Department of Public Safety
- 950 to the FBI for a national criminal history record check.
- 951 SECTION 27. Section 43-20-57, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
- 952 amended as follows:
- 953 43-20-57. (1) No person shall knowingly maintain a family
- 954 child care home if, in such family child care home, there resides,
- 955 works or regularly volunteers any person who:
- 956 (a) (i) Has a felony conviction for a crime against
- 957 persons;
- 958 (ii) Has a felony conviction under the Uniform
- 959 Controlled Substances Act;
- 960 (iii) Has a conviction for a crime of child abuse
- 961 or neglect;
- 962 (iv) Has a conviction for any sex offense as
- 963 defined in Section 45-33-23, Mississippi Code of 1972; or
- 964 (v) Any other offense committed in another
- 965 jurisdiction or any federal offense which, if committed in this
- 966 state, would be deemed to be such a crime without regard to its
- 967 designation elsewhere;
- 968 (b) Has been adjudicated a juvenile offender because of
- 969 having committed an act which if done by an adult would constitute
- 970 the commission of a felony and which is a crime against persons;
- 971 (c) Has had a child declared in a court order in this
- 972 or any other state to be deprived or a child in need of care based
- 973 on an allegation of physical, mental or emotional abuse or neglect
- 974 or sexual abuse;
- 975 (d) Has had parental rights terminated pursuant to
- 976 Section 93-15-101 et seq., Mississippi Code of 1972; or
- 977 (e) Has an infectious or contagious disease, as defined
- 978 by the State Department of Health pursuant to Section 41-23-1,
- 979 Mississippi Code of 1972.

- 980 (2) No person shall maintain a family child care home if 981 such person has been found to be a disabled person in need of a 982 guardian or conservator, or both.
- 983 (3) Any person who resides in the home and who has been 984 found to be a disabled person in need of a guardian or 985 conservator, or both, shall be included in the total number of 986 children allowed in care.
- 987 In accordance with the provision of this subsection (4), the State Department of Health shall have access to any court 988 989 orders or adjudications of any court of record, any records of such orders or adjudications, criminal history record information 990 991 in the possession of the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol or 992 court of this state concerning persons working, regularly volunteering or residing in a family child care home. The 993 994 department shall have access to these records for the purpose of 995 determining whether or not the home meets the requirements of 996 Sections 43-20-51 through 43-20-65.
- 997 (5) No family child care home or its employees shall be
  998 liable for civil damages to any person refused employment or
  999 discharged from employment by reason of such home's compliance
  1000 with the provisions of this section if such home acts in good
  1001 faith to comply with this section.
- SECTION 28. Section 43-21-623, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:
- 1004 43-21-623. Any juvenile who is adjudicated a delinquent on 1005 or after July 1, 1994, as a result of committing a sex offense as defined in Section 45-33-23 or any offense involving the crime of 1006 1007 rape and placed in the custody of the Mississippi Department of Human Services, Office of Youth Services, shall be tested for HIV 1008 1009 and AIDS. Such tests shall be conducted by the State Department 1010 of Health in conjunction with the Office of Youth Services, Mississippi Department of Human Services at the request of the 1011 victim or the victim's parents or guardian if the victim is a 1012 1013 juvenile. The results of any positive HIV or AIDS tests shall be 1014 reported to the victim or the victim's parents or guardian if the

- 1015 victim is a juvenile as well as to the adjudicated offender. The
- 1016 State Department of Health shall provide counseling and referral
- 1017 to appropriate treatment for victims of a sex offense when the
- 1018 adjudicated offender tested positive for HIV or AIDS if the victim
- 1019 so requests.
- SECTION 29. Section 99-19-201, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
- 1021 amended as follows:
- 1022 99-19-201. The following terms shall have the meanings
- 1023 ascribed to them herein unless the context requires otherwise:
- 1024 (a) "AIDS" means acquired immunodeficiency syndrome,
- 1025 AIDS related complex and any similar disease.
- 1026 (b) "HIV" means the human immunodeficiency virus or any
- 1027 other identified causative agent of AIDS.
- 1028 (c) "Sex offense" means any offense described in
- 1029 Section 45-33-23 or any offense involving the crime of rape.
- 1030 (d) "Test" means a test to determine the presence of
- 1031 the AIDS disease or the presence of the antibody or antigen to HIV
- 1032 or the presence of HIV infection.
- 1033 SECTION 30. This act shall take effect and be in force from
- 1034 and after July 1, 2000.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT TO CREATE NEW SECTION 45-33-21, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 21972, TO ENACT LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND MAKE A STATEMENT OF INTENT 3AND PURPOSE; TO CREATE NEW SECTION 45-33-23, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 41972, TO ENACT DEFINITIONS; TO CREATE NEW SECTION 45-33-25,  $5\,\mathrm{MISSISSIPPI}$  CODE OF  $1972\,,$  TO REQUIRE REGISTRATION WITH THE  $6\,\mathrm{MISSISSIPPI}$  DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY OF ALL CONVICTED SEX 7 OFFENDERS, AND TO PROVIDE WHAT INFORMATION IS REQUIRED FOR 8REGISTRATION; TO CREATE NEW SECTION 45-33-27, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 91972, TO ENACT DEADLINES FOR REGISTRATION; TO CREATE NEW SECTION 1045-33-29, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REQUIRE THAT REGISTRANTS 11 PROVIDE NOTICE OF ANY CHANGE OF ADDRESS; TO CREATE NEW SECTION 1245-33-31, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REQUIRE PERIODIC 13REREGISTRATION; TO CREATE NEW SECTION 45-33-33, MISSISSIPPI CODE 140F 1972, TO ENACT PENALTIES FOR FAILURE TO REGISTER; TO CREATE NEW 15 SECTION 45-33-35, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CREATE A CENTRAL 16 SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY AND TO REQUIRE CERTAIN PERSONS TO PERFORM 17REGISTRATION DUTIES; TO CREATE NEW SECTION 45-33-37, MISSISSIPPI 18 CODE OF 1972, TO REQUIRE A CONVICTED SEX OFFENDER TO PROVIDE A 19BLOOD SAMPLE FOR PURPOSES OF DNA IDENTIFICATION ANALYSIS; TO 20 CREATE NEW SECTION 45-33-39, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REQUIRE 21NOTICE TO THOSE REQUIRED TO REGISTER; TO CREATE NEW SECTION 2245-33-41, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REQUIRE NOTICE TO 23 INCARCERATED PERSONS REQUIRED TO REGISTER; TO CREATE NEW SECTION

2445-33-43, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REQUIRE WRITTEN NOTICE BE 25GIVEN TO DRIVER'S LICENSE APPLICANTS; TO CREATE NEW SECTION 2645-33-45, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO ENACT A DEFINITION OF 27 "SEXUAL PREDATOR"; TO CREATE NEW SECTION 45-33-47, MISSISSIPPI 28 CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE FOR A PETITION FOR RELIEF FROM THE DUTY 29 TO REGISTER; TO CREATE NEW SECTION 45-33-49, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 301972, TO PROVIDE FOR DISCLOSURE TO THE PUBLIC, SCHOOL AND DAY CARE 31CENTERS; TO CREATE NEW SECTION 45-33-51, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, 32TO ENACT PENALTIES FOR THE MISUSE OF REGISTRATION INFORMATION; TO 33 CREATE NEW SECTION 45-33-53, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE 34 IMMUNITY FROM CIVIL LIABILITY AND IN THE EXERCISE OF DISCRETION 35UNDER THE ACT; TO CREATE NEW SECTION 45-33-55, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 361972, TO PROVIDE EXEMPTIONS FOR EXPUNCTION; TO CREATE NEW SECTION 3745-33-57, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO ALLOW THE DEPARTMENT OF 38 PUBLIC SAFETY TO ESTABLISH FEES TO BE CHARGED FOR REQUESTS FOR 39 INFORMATION; TO REPEAL SECTIONS 45-33-1 THROUGH 45-33-19, 40MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH DEAL WITH THE REGISTRATION OF 41 CONVICTED SEX OFFENDERS; TO REPEAL SECTIONS 45-31-1 THROUGH 4245-31-19, WHICH COMPRISE THE SEX OFFENSE CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD 43 INFORMATION ACT; TO AMEND SECTIONS 43-21-255, 43-21-261, 37-3-51, 4443-16-9, 43-20-8, 43-20-57, 43-21-623 AND 99-19-201, MISSISSIPPI 45 CODE OF 1972, TO CONFORM; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.