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5	5 By: Representative Creekmore	
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10	10 AN ACT TO AMEND VARIOUS SEC	TIONS OF THE ARKANSAS
11	11 CODE CONCERNING THE SEX OFF	ENDER REGISTRATION ACT
12	OF 1997; AND FOR OTHER PURP	DSES.
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17	17 ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING	THE SEX
18	18 OFFENDER REGISTRATION AC	r OF 1997.
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	21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF T	HE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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	SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 12-12-90	
	the Sex Offender Registration Act of 1997,	
		means an offense in the Arkansas
	26 Code substantially equivalent to "aggravat	
	27 U.S.C. § 2241 as it existed on January 1,	2001 <u>March 1, 2003</u> , which
	28 principally encompasses:	
		acts involving penetration with
	30 victims of any age through the use of fore	
	31 violence; or Causing another person to eng	
		e against that other person; or
		ng or placing, or attempting to
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	subjected to death, serious bodily injury,	
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T	Victims below the age of twerve (12); Knowingly:
2	(i) Rendering another person unconscious and then
3	engaging in a sexual act with that other person; or
4	(ii) Administering to another person by force or
5	threat of force, or without the knowledge or permission of that person, a
6	drug, intoxicant, or similar substance and thereby:
7	(a) Substantially impairing the ability of
8	that other person to appraise or control conduct; and
9	(b) Engaging or attempting to engage in a
10	sexual act with that other person; or
11	(C) Crossing a state line with intent to:
12	(i) Engage or attempt to engage in a sexual act with
13	a person who has not attained the age of twelve (12) years;
14	(ii) Knowingly engage or attempt to engage in a
15	sexual act with another person who has not attained the age of twelve (12)
16	years; or
L 7	(iii) Knowingly engage or attempt to engage in a
18	sexual act under the circumstances described in subdivisions (3)(A) and
19	(3)(B) of this section with another person who has attained the age of twelve
20	(12) years but has not attained the age of sixteen (16) years and is at least
21	four (4) years younger than the alleged offender;
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23	SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 12-12-903(6), concerning definitions under
24	the Sex Offender Registration Act of 1997, is amended to read as follows:
25	(6) "Local law enforcement agency having jurisdiction" means
26	the:
27	(A) Chief law enforcement officer of the municipality in
28	which an offender:
29	(i) resides Resides or expects to reside;
30	(ii) Is employed; or
31	(iii) Is attending an institution of training or
32	education; or
33	(B) County sheriff, if the municipality does not have a
34	chief law enforcement officer or if an offender resides, is employed, is
35	attending an institution of training or education, or expects to reside in ar
36	unincorporated area of a county:

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           SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 12-12-903(12) through (17), concerning
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     definitions under the Sex Offender Registration Act of 1997, is amended to
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     read as follows:
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                          "Sex offense" for the purposes of this subchapter
                 (12)(A)
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     includes, but is not limited to:
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                             (i)(a) Rape, § 5-14-103;
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                                        Sexual indecency with a child, § 5-14-110;
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                                        Sexual assault in the first degree, § 5-
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     14-124;
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                                        Sexual assault in the second degree, § 5-
                                   (d)
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     14-125;
                                        Sexual assault in the third degree, § 5-
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                                   (e)
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     14-126;
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                                        Sexual assault in the fourth degree, § 5-
                                   (f)
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     14-127;
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                                       Incest, § 5-26-202;
                                   (g)
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                                   (h)
                                       Engaging children in sexually explicit
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     conduct for use in visual or print medium, § 5-27-303;
                                        Transportation of minors for prohibited
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     sexual conduct, § 5-27-305;
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                                   (j)
                                        Employing or consenting to use of a child
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     in sexual performance, § 5-27-402;
                                   (k) Pandering or possessing visual or print
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     medium depicting sexually explicit conduct involving a child, § 5-27-304;
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                                   (1) Producing, directing, or promoting sexual
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     performance, § 5-27-403;
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                                   (m)
                                        Promoting prostitution in the first
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     degree, § 5-70-104;
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                                   (n) Stalking, when ordered by the sentencing
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     court to register as a sex offender, § 5-71-229;
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                                   (o) Indecent exposure to a person under the
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     age of twelve (12) years, § 5-14-112(b) if a felony level offense;
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                                   (p) Exposing another person to human
     immunodeficiency virus, when ordered by the sentencing court to register as a
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     sex offender, § 5-14-123;
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                                   (q) Kidnapping pursuant to § 5-11-102(a) when
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     the victim is a minor and the offender is not the parent of the victim;
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                                   (r) False imprisonment in the first degree and
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     false imprisonment in the second degree, §§ 5-11-103 and 5-11-104, when the
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     victim is a minor and the offender is not the parent of the victim;
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                                   (s) Permitting abuse of a child pursuant to §
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     5-27-221;
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                                        Computer child pornography; § 5-27-603;
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     and
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                                        Computer exploitation of a child in the
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     first degree, § 5-27-605(a);
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                                   (v) Permanent detention or restraint when the
     offender is not the parent of the victim, § 5-11-106;
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                                   (w) Distributing, possessing, or viewing
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     matter depicting sexually explicit conduct involving a child, § 5-27-602;
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                                   (x) Distributing, possessing, or viewing
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     matter depicting sexually explicit conduct involving a child, § 5-27-602;
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                                   (y) Computer child pornography, § 5-27-603;
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     <u>and</u>
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                                   (z) Computer exploitation of a child, § 5-27-
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     605;
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                             (ii) An attempt, solicitation, or conspiracy to
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     commit any of the offenses enumerated in subdivision (12)(A)(i) of this
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     section: and
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                             (iii) An adjudication of guilt for an offense of the
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     law of another state, for a federal offense, for a tribal court offense, or
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     for a military offense:
                                   (a) Which is similar to any of the offenses
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     enumerated in subdivision (12)(A)(i) of this section;
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                                   (b) When that adjudication of guilt requires
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     registration under another state's sex offender registration laws; or
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                                   (c) A violation of any former law of this
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     state that is substantially equivalent to any of the offenses enumerated in
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     subdivision (12)(A) of this section.
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                       (B)(i) The sentencing court has the authority to order the
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     registration of any offender shown in court to have attempted to commit or to
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1 have committed a sex offense, even though the offense is not enumerated in 2 subdivision (12)(A)(i) of this section. 3 (ii) This authority is limited applies to sex 4 offenses enacted, renamed, or amended at a later date by the General Assembly 5 unless the General Assembly expresses its intent not to consider the offense 6 to be a true sex offense for the purposes of this subchapter; 7 (13)(A) "Sex offender" means a person who is adjudicated guilty 8 adjudicated delinquent and ordered to register by the juvenile court judge or 9 acquitted on the grounds of mental disease or defect of a sex offense. (B) Unless otherwise specified, "sex offender" includes 10 11 those individuals classified by the court as "sexually violent predators"; (14) "Sex Offenders Assessment Committee" means a group of 12 13 citizens appointed by the Governor with a specific composition in conformance 14 with 42 U.S.C. § $14071(a)(2)(\Lambda)$, as it existed on January 1, 2001; 15 (15) "Sex Offender Screening and Risk Assessment" means the 16 individuals or agencies qualified by the Sex Offenders Assessment Committee 17 to perform assessments of sex offenders; 18 (16)(14) "Sexually violent offense" means any state, federal, 19 tribal, or military offense which includes a sexual act as defined in 18 U.S.C. §§ 2241 and 2242, as they existed on January 1, 2001 March 1, 2003, 20 21 with another person if the offense is nonconsensual regardless of the age of 22 the victim; and 2.3 (17)(15) "Sexually violent predator" means a person who has been 24 adjudicated guilty, adjudicated delinquent and ordered to register by the 25 juvenile court judge, or acquitted on the grounds of mental disease or defect 26 of a sexually violent offense and who suffers from a mental abnormality or 27 personality disorder that makes the person likely to engage in predatory 28 sexually violent offenses. 29 30 SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 12-12-906 is amended to read as follows: 31 12-12-906. Duty to register generally - Review of requirements with 32 offenders. 33 (a)(1)(A) At the time of adjudication of guilt, the sentencing court 34 shall enter on the judgment and commitment or judgment and disposition form 35 whether or not the offender is required to register as a sex offender and shall indicate whether the offense is an aggravated sexual offense under § 36

- 1 12-12-903.
- 2 (B) The Department of Correction shall ensure that
- 3 offenders received for incarceration complete the registration form prepared
- 4 by the Director of the Arkansas Crime Information Center pursuant to § 12-12-
- 5 908.
- 6 (C) The Department of Community Correction shall ensure
- 7 that offenders placed on probation or another form of community supervision
- 8 complete the registration form.
- 9 (D) The Arkansas State Hospital shall ensure that the
- 10 registration form is completed for any offender found not guilty by reason of
- 11 insanity and shall arrange an evaluation by Sex Offender Screening and Risk
- 12 Assessment.
- 13 (2)(A) A sex offender moving to or returning to this state from
- 14 another jurisdiction shall register with the local law enforcement agency
- 15 having jurisdiction no later than thirty (30) days after August 1, 1997, or
- 16 within thirty (30) days after the offender establishes residency in a
- 17 municipality or county of this state, whichever is later.
- 18 (B)(i) All persons living in this state who would be
- 19 required to register as sex offenders in the jurisdiction in which they were
- 20 adjudicated guilty of a sex offense are required to register as sex offenders
- 21 in this state whether living, working, or attending school or other training
- 22 in Arkansas.
- 23 (ii) Nonresident workers or students who enter the
- 24 state for fourteen (14) or more consecutive days to work or study or who
- 25 enter the state for an aggregate of thirty (30) days or more a year are
- 26 required to register in compliance with 64 Fed. Reg. 585 2nd, as it existed
- 27 on March 1, 2003.
- 28 (C) A sex offender sentenced and required to register
- 29 outside of Arkansas, whether as an adult or a juvenile, must submit to
- 30 reassessment by Sex Offender Screening and Risk Assessment, provide a
- 31 deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) sample if a sample is not already accessible to
- 32 the Arkansas State Crime Laboratory and pay the mandatory fee of two hundred
- 33 fifty dollars (\$250) to the DNA Detection Fund established by § 12-12-1119.
- 34 (b)(1) The registration file of a sex offender who is confined in an
- 35 adult or juvenile a correctional facility or serving a commitment following
- 36 acquittal on the grounds of mental disease or defect shall be inactive until

- 1 the registration file is updated by the Department of Correction or the
- 2 Department of Human Services, whichever is department responsible for
- 3 supervision.
- 4 (2) Immediately prior to the release of a sex offender or
- 5 immediately following a sex offender's escape or his or her absconding
- 6 supervision, the Department of Correction, the Department of Community
- 7 Correction, or the Department of Human Services shall update the registration
- 8 file of the sex offender who is to be released or who has escaped or has
- 9 absconded supervision.
- 10 (c)(1)(A) When registering a sex offender as provided in subsection
- 11 (a) of this section, the Department of Correction, the Department of
- 12 Community Correction, the Department of Human Services, or the local law
- 13 enforcement agency having jurisdiction shall:
- (i) Inform the sex offender of the duty to submit to
- 15 assessment and to register and obtain the information required for
- 16 registration as described in § 12-12-908;
- 17 (ii) Inform the offender that if the offender
- 18 changes residency, the offender shall give the new address and place of
- 19 employment, education, or training to the Arkansas Crime Information Center
- 20 in writing no later than ten (10) days before the offender establishes
- 21 residency or is temporarily domiciled at the new address;
- 22 (iii)(a) Inform the offender that if the offender
- 23 changes residency to another state or enters another state for fourteen (14)
- 24 consecutive days or more or for an aggregate of thirty (30) days or more a
- 25 year, the offender must also register in that state regardless of permanent
- 26 residency.
- 27 (b) The offender shall register the new
- 28 address and place of employment, education, or training with the Arkansas
- 29 Crime Information Center and with a designated law enforcement agency in the
- 30 new state not later than ten (10) days before the offender establishes
- 31 residence or is temporarily domiciled in the new state;
- 32 (iv)(a) Obtain fingerprints and a photograph of the
- 33 offender if these have not already been obtained in connection with the
- 34 offense that triggered registration.
- 35 (b) Obtain a deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA)
- 36 sample if one has not already been provided;

1 (v) Require the offender to complete the entire 2 registration process, including, but not limited to, requiring the offender to read and sign a form stating that the duty of the person to register under 3 4 this subchapter has been explained; 5 (vi) Inform the offender that if the offender's 6 address changes due to an eviction, natural disaster, or any other unforeseen 7 circumstance, the offender shall give the new address to the Arkansas Crime 8 Information Center in writing no later than five (5) business days after the 9 offender establishes residency; and 10 (vii) Inform an offender who has been granted 11 probation that failure to comply with the provisions of this subchapter shall 12 may be grounds for revocation of the offender's probation. (B)(i) Any offender required to register as a sex offender 13 14 must provide a deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) sample, i.e., a blood sample or 15 saliva sample, upon registering if a sample has not already been provided to 16 the Arkansas State Crime Laboratory. 17 (ii) Any offender required to register as a sex 18 offender who is entering the State of Arkansas must provide a 19 deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) sample, i.e., a blood sample or saliva sample, upon registration and must pay the mandatory fee of two hundred fifty dollars 20 21 (\$250) to the DNA Detection Fund established by § 12-12-1119. 22 (2) When updating the registration file of an offender, the 23 Department of Correction or the Department of Human Services shall: 24 (A) Review with the offender the duty to register and 25 obtain current information required for registration as described in § 12-12-26 908; 27 (B) Review with the offender the requirement that if the 28 offender changes address, the offender shall give the new address to the 29 center in writing no later than ten (10) days before the offender establishes 30 residency or is temporarily domiciled at the new address; 31 (C) Review with the offender the requirement that if the 32 offender changes address to another state, the offender shall register the 33 new address with the center and with a designated law enforcement agency in 34 the new state not later than ten (10) days before the offender establishes 35 residence or is temporarily domiciled in the new state if the new state has a 36 registration requirement;

1 (D) Require the offender to read and sign a form stating 2 that the duty of the person to register under this subchapter has been 3 reviewed; and 4 Inform the offender that if the offender's address 5 changes due to an eviction, natural disaster, or any other unforeseen 6 circumstance, the offender shall give the new address to the center in 7 writing no later than five (5) business days after the offender establishes 8 residency. 9 (d) When registering or updating the registration file of a sexually 10 violent predator, the Department of Correction, the Department of Community 11 Correction, the Department of Human Services, or the local law enforcement 12 agency having jurisdiction, in addition to the requirements of subdivision (c)(1) or (2) of this section, shall obtain documentation of any treatment 13 14 received for the mental abnormality or personality disorder of the sexually 15 violent predator. 16 (e) Any offender working, enrolled, or volunteering in a public or 17 private elementary, secondary or postsecondary school or institution of training shall notify the center of that status and shall register with the 18 law enforcement agency having jurisdiction over that campus. 19 (e)(f)(1) An offender required to register pursuant to the provisions 20 21 of this subchapter shall not change his or her name unless the change is: 22 (A) Incident to a change in the marital status of the 23 offender; or 24 (B) Necessary to effect the exercise of religion of the 25 offender. 26 The change in the offender's name shall be reported to the 27 Director of the center within thirty (30) calendar days after the official 28 change in name. 29 (3) A violation of this subsection shall constitute a Class D 30 felony. 31 SECTION 5. Arkansas Code § 12-12-911(b), concerning the Sex and Child 32 33 Offenders Registration Fund, is amended to read as follows:

§ 12-12-910, there to be used equally by the Arkansas Crime Information

Center and the Department of Correction for the administration of this

(b) This fund shall consist of special revenues collected pursuant to

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     subchapter.
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           SECTION 6. Arkansas Code § 12-12-913(g) through (j), concerning
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     disclosure of sex offender information, is amended to read as follows:
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                  The State Board of Education, Arkansas Higher Education
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     Coordinating Board, and the State Board of Workforce Education and Career
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     Opportunities shall promulgate guidelines for the disclosure to students and
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     parents of information regarding an offender when such information is
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     released to a local school district or institution of higher education or
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     vocational training by a local law enforcement agency having jurisdiction.
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                 (2) The board of directors of a local school district or
     institution of higher education or vocational training shall adopt a written
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     policy, in accordance with guidelines promulgated by the State Board of
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     Education, regarding the distribution to students and parents of information
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     regarding an offender.
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           (h) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent law
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     enforcement officers from notifying members of the public exposed to danger
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     of any persons that about persons who may pose a danger to the public under
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     circumstances that are not enumerated in this subchapter.
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           (i) Nothing in this subchapter shall be interpreted to make The
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     medical records or treatment evaluations of the a sex offender or sexually
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     violent predator are not subject to disclosure under the Freedom of
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     Information Act of 1967, § 25-19-101 et seq.
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           (i)(1)(A) The following information concerning a registered sex
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     offender who is classified as a level three (3) or level four (4) offender by
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     the Sex Offender Screening and Risk Assessment shall be made public:
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                                  The offender's complete name, as well as any
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     aliases:
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                                   The offender's date of birth;
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                             (iii) The sexual offense or offenses to which the
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     offender has pleaded guilty or nolo contendere or has been found guilty of by
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     a court of competent jurisdiction;
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                             (iv) The street name and block number, county, city,
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     and zip code in which the offender resides;
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                             (v) The offender's race and gender;
                             (vi) The date of the last address verification of
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1	the offender provided to the center;
2	(vii) The most recent photograph of the offender
3	that has been submitted to the center; and
4	(viii) The offender's parole or probation office.
5	(B) The center shall prepare and place the information in
6	subdivision (j)(1)(A) of this section on the Internet home page of the State
7	of Arkansas before January 1, 2004.
8	(2) The center may promulgate any rules necessary to implement
9	and administer this subsection.
10	(k) Nothing in this subchapter shall be interpreted to prohibit the
11	posting of offender fact sheets on the Internet or by other appropriate means
12	of those offenders who:
13	(1) Are determined to be high risk or a sexually violent
14	predator, Risk Levels 3 and 4; or
15	(2) Are determined to be in noncompliance with the requirements
16	of registration under rules and regulations promulgated by the committee.
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18	SECTION 7. Arkansas Code § 12-12-915 is amended to read as follows:
19	12-12-915. Regulations.
20	(a) The Arkansas Crime Information Center shall promulgate regulations
21	necessary to administer this subchapter.
22	(b) The Department of Correction, the Department of Community
23	Correction, the Department of Human Services, and the Administrative Office
24	of the Courts, and the Arkansas Crime Information Center shall promulgate
25	regulations to establish procedures for notifying offenders of the obligation
26	to register pursuant to this subchapter and procedures for registration of
27	those offenders.
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29	SECTION 8. Arkansas Code § 12-12-917 is amended to read as follows:
30	12-12-917. Evaluation protocol - Sexually violent predators -
31	Juveniles adjudicated delinquent - Examiners.
32	(a) $\underline{(1)}$ The Sex Offenders Assessment Committee shall develop an
33	evaluation protocol for preparing reports to assist courts in making
34	determinations whether or not a person adjudicated guilty of a sex offense
35	should be considered a sexually violent predator for purposes of this
36	subchapter.

1	(2) The committee shall also establish qualifications for and
2	qualify examiners to prepare reports in accordance with the evaluation
3	protocol.
4	(b)(1) The committee shall develop an evaluation protocol for
5	preparing reports to assist the juvenile division of circuit court in making
6	determinations whether or not a juvenile adjudicated delinquent of a sex
7	offense should be registered under the provisions of this subchapter.
8	(2) The committee shall also establish qualifications for
9	examiners and qualify examiners to prepare reports in accordance with the
10	evaluation protocol.
11	(b)(1) The committee shall cause an assessment to be conducted on a
12	case-by-case basis of the public risk posed by a sex offender or sexually
13	violent predator who is required to register under § 12-12-905:
14	(A) After August 1, 1997; and
15	(B) For whom the center has no record of an assessment
16	being done and a risk level established subsequent to August 1, 1997.
17	(2)(A) Adult offenders sentenced to the Department of Correction
18	shall be assessed as the necessary information becomes available after
19	reception into the Department of Correction, with the assessment being
20	reviewed and updated as necessary during incarceration.
21	(B) Sex offenders sentenced to life, life without parole,
22	or death shall be assessed only if being considered for release through
23	clemency.
24	(3) The sentencing court shall require adult offenders
25	adjudicated guilty but given suspended imposition of sentences or probation
26	to contact Sex Offender Screening and Risk Assessment at the Arkansas
27	Department of Correction in Pine Bluff within ten (10) days of adjudication
28	to schedule an assessment to be conducted at a location determined by the
29	Department of Correction in consultation with the sentencing court.
30	(4)(A) Sex offenders currently in the community who have not
31	been assessed and classified shall be identified by the Arkansas Crime
32	<u>Information Center.</u>
33	(B)(i) The Department of Community Correction shall
34	notify, by certified mail or personal service, offenders under its
35	supervision in a particular area to present themselves at a designated
36	location for assessment.

1	(ii)(a) If an offender fails to appear or is shown
2	by substantial evidence to have been deceptive, or voluntarily terminates the
3	assessment process after having been advised of the potential consequences:
4	(1) The offender shall be classified in
5	risk level 3; and
6	(2) The parole or probation officer, if
7	applicable, shall be notified.
8	(b) Statements made by an offender in the
9	course of assessment with respect to prior conduct shall be deemed to have
10	been given use immunity under the immunity provisions of Arkansas Code §§ 16-
11	43-601 through 16-43-606.
12	(c) Assessment personnel shall report ongoing
13	abuse as required under § 12-12-507.
14	(c)(1) Public agencies shall, to the extent permissible and under the
15	procedures established by state and federal regulations, provide the
16	committee access to all relevant records and information in the possession of
17	public agencies or any private entity contracting with a public agency
18	relating to the sex offender or sexually violent predator under review.
19	(2) The records and information include, but are not limited to:
20	(A) Police reports;
21	(B) Statements of probable cause;
22	(C) Presentence investigations and reports;
23	(D) Complete judgments and sentences;
24	(E) Current classification referrals;
25	(F) Criminal history summaries;
26	(G) Violation and disciplinary reports;
27	(H) All psychological evaluations and psychiatric hospital
28	reports;
29	(I) Sex offender or sexually violent predator treatment
30	<pre>program reports;</pre>
31	(J) Juvenile court records;
32	(K) Victim impact statements;
33	(L) Investigation reports to the child abuse hotline, the
34	Division of Children and Family Services, and any entity contracting with the
35	Department of Human Services for investigation or treatment of sexual or
36	physical abuse or domestic violence; and

I	(M) Statements of medical providers treating victims of
2	sex offenses indicating the extent of injury to the victim.
3	(d)(1)(A) Records and information obtained under this section shall
4	not be subject to the Freedom of Information Act of 1967, § 25-19-101 et
5	seq., unless otherwise authorized by law.
6	(2)(A)(i) The sex offender or sexually violent predator shall
7	have access to records and information generated and maintained by the
8	committee.
9	(ii) These records shall include any reports of the
10	assessment, and the tape of the interview, but do not include restricted
11	source documents of commercial psychological tests, or working notes of
12	staff.
13	(B)(i) Records and information generated by other agencies
14	and obtained under this section shall not be available to the sex offender or
15	sexually violent predator except through the agency or individual having
16	primary custody of the records, unless otherwise ordered by a court of
17	competent jurisdiction.
18	(ii) The offender shall be given, upon request, a
19	list of the records or information obtained.
20	(C) If the record or information generated contains the
21	addresses of victims or persons who have made statements adverse to the sex
22	offender or sexually violent predator, the addresses shall be redacted and
23	the sex offender or sexually violent predator shall have access to records
24	and information other than the identity and addresses.
25	(e) In classifying the offender into a risk level for the purposes of
26	public notification under § 12-12-913, the committee shall, through its
27	staff, review each sex offender or sexually violent predator under its
28	authority:
29	(1) Prior to the offender's release for confinement in a
30	correctional facility;
31	(2) Prior to the release of a person who has been committed
32	following an acquittal on the grounds of mental disease or defect;
33	(3) At the start of an offender's suspended imposition of
34	sentence; or
35	(4) At the start of an offender's probation period.
36	(f)(1)(A) The committee shall issue the offender fact sheet to the

1	<u>local law enforcement agency having jurisdiction.</u>
2	(B) The offender fact sheet is provided to assist local
3	law enforcement in its task of community notification.
4	(2) The committee shall provide the Post Prison Transfer Board
5	with copies of the offender fact sheet on inmates of the Department of
6	Correction.
7	(3) The committee shall provide the Department of Community
8	Correction with copies of the offender fact sheet on any individual under its
9	supervision.
10	(4)(A)(i) The offender fact sheet shall be prepared on standard
11	forms for ease of transmission and communication.
12	(ii) The offender fact sheet shall also be on an
13	Internet-based application accessible to law enforcement, state boards, and
14	licensing agencies.
15	(iii) The offender fact sheet of sexually violent
16	predators and those offenders found by the center to be in violation of
17	registration requirement shall be made available to the general public unless
18	the release of the fact sheet, in the opinion of the committee based on \underline{a}
19	risk assessment, places innocent individuals at risk.
20	(B) The standard form shall include, but not be limited
21	<u>to:</u>
22	(i) Registration information as required in § 12-12-
23	<u>908;</u>
24	(ii) Risk level;
25	(iii) Date of deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) sample;
26	(iv) Psychological factors likely to affect sexual
27	<pre>control;</pre>
28	(v) Victim age and gender preference;
29	(vi) Treatment history and recommendations; and
30	(vii) Other relevant information deemed necessary by
31	the committee or by professional staff performing sex offender assessments.
32	(5)(A) The committee shall ensure that the notice is complete in
33	its entirety.
34	(B) Law enforcement officers shall notify the center if an
35	offender has moved or is otherwise in violation of registration requirements.
36	(6)(A) All material used in the assessment shall be kept on file

1	in its original form for one (1) year.
2	(B) After one (1) year, the file may be stored
3	electronically.
4	(g)(1) The Department of Correction, in cooperation with the
5	committee, shall promulgate rules and regulations to establish the review
6	process for assessment determinations.
7	(2)(A) The sex offender or sexually violent predator may request
8	an administrative review of the assigned risk level under the conditions
9	stated and following the procedures indicated under § 12-12-922.
10	(B) The offender shall be notified of these rights and
11	procedures in the documentation sent with the notification of risk level.
12	(h)(l)(A) A sex offender or sexually violent predator may request the
13	committee to reassess the offender's assigned risk level after five (5) years
14	have elapsed since initial risk assessment by the committee, and may renew
15	that request once every five (5) years.
16	(B) In the request for reassessment, the offender shall
17	list the facts and circumstances that demonstrate that the offender no longer
18	poses the same degree of risk to the community.
19	(2) The committee shall also take into consideration any
20	subsequent criminal acts by the sex offender or sexually violent predator who
21	has requested reassessment.
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23	SECTION 9. Arkansas Code § 12-12-918 is amended to read as follows:
24	12-12-918. Classification as sexually violent predator—Requirements.
25	(a)(1) In order to classify a person as a sexually violent predator, a
26	prosecutor $\frac{1}{2}$ may allege on the face of an information that the prosecutor
27	is seeking a determination that the defendant is a sexually violent predator.
28	(2)(A) If the defendant is adjudicated guilty, the court shall
29	enter an order directing an examiner qualified by the Sex Offenders
30	Assessment Committee to issue a report to the sentencing court that
31	recommends whether or not the defendant should be classified as a sexually
32	violent predator.
33	(B) Copies of the report shall be forwarded immediately to
34	the prosecutor and to the defense attorney.
35	(C) The report shall not be admissible for purposes of
36	sentencing.

- 1 (3) After sentencing, the court shall make a determination 2 regarding the defendant's status as a sexually violent predator.
- 3 (b)(1) In order for the examiner qualified by the committee to prepare 4 the report:
- 5 (A) The defendant shall may be sent for evaluation to a 6 facility designated by the Department of Correction; or
- 7 (B) Sex Offender Screening and Risk Assessment The
 8 committee may elect to send an examiner to the local or regional detention
 9 facility.
- 10 (2) The cost of the evaluation shall be paid by the department 11 Department of Correction.
 - (c)(1) Should evidence be found in the course of any assessment conducted by Sex Offender Screening and Risk Assessment the committee that a sex offender appears to meet the criteria for being classified as a sexually violent predator, the committee shall bring this information to the attention of the prosecutor, who will determine whether a hearing on the matter is warranted to file a petition with the court for the offender to be classified as a sexually violent predator.
 - (2) The sentencing court shall retain jurisdiction to determine whether an offender is a sexually violent predator for one (1) year after sentencing or for so long as the offender remains incarcerated for the sex offense.
- 23 (d)(1) The prosecutor's affidavit judgment and commitment order should 24 state whether or not the offense qualifies as an aggravated sex offense.
 - (2) Should this statement be omitted box not be checked on the commitment order, the prosecutor court will be contacted by Sex Offender

 Screening and Risk Assessment the committee and asked to furnish a written determination as to whether or not the offense qualifies as an aggravated sex offense.

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- SECTION 10. Arkansas Code § 12-12-919 is amended to read as follows: 12-12-919. Termination of obligation to register.
 - (a) Lifetime registration is required for a sex offender found to have committed an aggravated sex offense, determined by the court to be a sexually violent predator, or found to have been adjudicated guilty of a second or subsequent sex offense under a separate case number, not multiple counts on

1 the same charge. 2 (b)(1)(A)(i) Any other sex offender required to register under this 3 subchapter may make application for an order terminating the obligation to register to the sentencing court fifteen (15) years after release from 4 5 incarceration or other institution, or fifteen (15) years after having been 6 placed on probation or any other form of community supervision by the court. (ii) A sex offender sentenced in another state but 7 8 permanently residing in Arkansas may make an application for an order terminating the obligation to register to the court of the county in which 9 the offender resides. 10 11 The court shall hold a hearing on the application (B)(i) 12 at which the applicant and any interested persons may present witnesses and 13 other evidence. 14 (ii) No fewer than twenty (20) days prior to the 15 date of the hearing on the application, a copy of the application for 16 termination of the obligation to register shall be served on the prosecutor 17 of the county in which the adjudication of guilt triggering registration was obtained. 18 19 The court shall grant an order terminating the obligation to (2) 20 register upon proof by a preponderance of the evidence that: 21 (A) The applicant, within for a period of fifteen (15) 22 years after the person was released from prison or other institution, placed 23 on parole, supervised release, or probation has not been adjudicated guilty 24 of a sex offense; and 25 (B) The applicant is not likely to pose a threat to the 26 safety of others. 27 28 SECTION 11. Arkansas Code Title 12, Chapter 12, Subchapter 9 is amended to add an additional section to read as follows: 29 30 12-12-921. Sex Offender Assessment Committee. (a) The Sex Offender Assessment Committee shall consist of nine (9) 31 32 members as follows: 33 (1) The Governor shall appoint, subject to confirmation by the 34 Senate: 35 (A) One (1) member who is a defense attorney; 36 (B) One (1) member who is a prosecuting attorney;

1	(C) One (1) member who is a licensed mental health
2	professional and has demonstrated expertise in treatment of sex offenders;
3	(D) One (1) member who is a victims' rights advocate;
4	(E) One (1) member who is a law enforcement officer; and
5	(F) One (1) member with expertise in juvenile justice or
6	treatment;
7	(2) The Director of the Department of Correction or the
8	director's designee;
9	(3) The Director of the Department of Community Correction or
10	the director's designee; and
11	(4) The Director of the Arkansas Crime Information Center or the
12	director's designee.
13	(b)(1) Members appointed by the Governor shall be for four-year
14	staggered terms to be assigned by lot at the first meeting.
15	(2) If a vacancy of one (1) of the members appointed by the
16	Governor occurs for any reason other than expiration of a regular term, the
17	vacancy shall be filled for the unexpired portion of the term by appointment
18	of the Governor.
19	(3) A member of the committee appointed by the Governor may be
20	removed by the Governor for neglect of duty or malfeasance in office.
21	(4) A member shall be considered active unless his or her
22	resignation has been submitted or requested by the Governor, or he or she has
23	more than two (2) unexcused absences from meetings in a twelve-month period
24	and this fact has been reported to the Governor's office.
25	(c) The members of the committee shall elect annually a chair and a
26	vice chair from their membership.
27	(d) The Director of the Department of Correction or the director's
28	designee shall serve as the executive secretary.
29	(e)(1) A majority of the members of the committee shall constitute a
30	quorum for the transaction of business.
31	(2) The committee shall meet at least quarterly.
32	(3) Special meetings may be called by the chair or as provided
33	by the rules adopted by the committee.
34	(f) The executive secretary of the committee shall keep full and true
35	records of all committee proceedings and preserve all books, documents, and
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1	(g) The meetings shall be open to the public except when the committee
2	is discussing, deliberating, or voting on individual cases.
3	(h)(1) The Sex Offender Assessment Committee shall report in writing
4	to the Governor and to the Legislative Council by July 31 of each year.
5	(2) The report shall contain:
6	(A) A summary of the proceedings of the committee during
7	the preceding fiscal year;
8	(B) A detailed and itemized statement of all revenue and
9	of all expenditures made by or on behalf of the committee;
10	(C) Other information deemed necessary or useful; and
11	(D) Any additional information that may be requested by
12	the Governor and the Legislative Council.
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14	SECTION 12. Arkansas Code Title 12, Chapter 12, Subchapter 9 is
15	amended to add an additional section to read as follows:
16	12-12-922. Alternative procedure for sexually violent predator
17	evaluations.
18	(a)(1) The alternative procedure under this section may be used for
19	sexually violent predator evaluations if information emerges in the course of
20	a sex offender evaluation that was not available to the court at the time of
21	<u>trial.</u>
22	(2)(A) Examiners qualified by the Sex Offender Assessment
23	Committee shall, after the effective date of this section, include in the
24	assessment of any sex offender convicted of a sex offense as defined in § 12-
25	12-903, a review as to whether the frequency, repetition over time, severity
26	of trauma to the victim, or established pattern of predatory behaviors
27	suggests that the offender suffers from a mental abnormality or personality
28	disorder that makes the offender likely to engage in future predatory sexual
29	offenses.
30	(B) If a mental abnormality or personality disorder is
31	suspected, a licensed psychologist or psychiatrist qualified by the committee
32	shall conduct further assessment to determine the presence or absence of a
33	mental abnormality or personality disorder.
34	(C) The report of the assessment shall be presented to the
35	committee, which shall make that determination according to protocols
36	established by that committee and published in the committee guidelines.

1	(b)(l)(A) A sex oftender may challenge an assigned risk level by
2	requesting an administrative review.
3	(B) As part of that request the offender is afforded the
4	opportunity to receive copies of all documents generated by the examiners, a
5	listing by document name and source of all documents that may be available
6	from other agencies having custody of those documents, and a copy of the tape
7	of the interview.
8	(2) The request for an administrative review shall be made in
9	accordance with instructions provided on the risk level notification and
10	within thirty (30) days of receipt of the advisement to the sex offender by
11	certified mail;
12	(3)(A) The basis of the request for administrative review shall
13	be clearly stated and any documentary evidence attached.
14	(B) The bases for administrative review shall be that:
15	(i) The rules and procedures were not properly
16	followed in reaching a decision on the risk level of the individual;
17	(ii) Documents or information not available at the
18	time of assessment have a bearing on the risk that the individual poses to
19	the community; or
20	(iii) The assessment is not supported by substantial
21	evidence.
22	(4)(A) Unless a request for an administrative review is received
23	by the committee within thirty (30) days of receipt of the advisement by the
24	sex offender sent by certified mail or personal service, an offender fact
25	sheet shall be made available to law enforcement so that community
26	notification may commence.
27	(B) If the offender fails to claim the certified mail in
28	the time allowed by the U. S. Postal Service, a second certified letter will
29	be sent, or personal service will be attempted.
30	(C) If the second attempt to notify the sex offender
31	fails, community notification shall commence.
32	(5) If a request for an administrative review is received by the
33	committee, law enforcement may make community notification only at the level
34	immediately below the level upon which review has been requested.
35	(6)(A) A member of the committee shall conduct the review and
36	respond within thirty (30) days of receiving a request for an administrative

1	review.
2	(B) If additional time is needed to obtain facts, the
3	committee shall notify the sex offender requesting the review.
4	(7)(A)(i) The findings of the administrative review shall be
5	sent to the sex offender by certified mail.
6	(ii) Upon receipt of the findings, the sex offender
7	has thirty (30) days to file a petition under the Arkansas Administrative
8	Procedure Act, § 25-15-201 et seq. for judicial review in the Pulaski County
9	Circuit Court or in the circuit court of the county in which the sex offender
10	resides or does business.
11	(B) The court shall refuse to hear any appeal of an
12	assigned risk level by a sex offender unless the court finds that the
13	administrative remedies available to the sex offender under this subsection
14	(b) have been exhausted.
15	(8)(A)(i) A copy of the petition for judicial review shall be
16	served on the executive secretary of the committee in accordance with the
17	Arkansas Rules of Civil Procedure.
18	(ii) When the petition for judicial review has been
19	served on the executive secretary of the committee, a record of the
20	committee's findings, and copies of all records in its possession shall be
21	furnished by the committee to the court within thirty (30) days of service.
22	(B) The committee may ask the court to seal statements of
23	victims, medical records, and other items that could place third parties at
24	risk of harm.
25	(9) A ruling by the court on the petition for judicial review
26	shall be considered a final judgment and community notification at the level
27	approved in the ruling shall commence.
28	(10) Until a classification decision is finalized, notification
29	shall only be made at one (1) level lower than the disputed level.
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31	SECTION 13. Arkansas Code §§ 12-12-1301 through 12-12-1303 are
32	repealed.
33	12-12-1301. Committee created.
34	(a) There is created the Sex Offenders Assessment Committee, which
35	shall consist of nine (9) members as follows:
36	(1) The Covernor chall appoint subject to confirmation by the Senate:

T	(A) One (1) Hember who is a defense attorney;
2	(B) One (1) member who is a prosecuting attorney;
3	(C) Two (2) members who are licensed mental health
4	professionals, at least one (1) of whom shall have a demonstrated expertise
5	in the treatment of sex offenders;
6	(D) One (1) member who is a victims' rights advocate; and
7	(E) One (1) member who is a law enforcement officer;
8	(2) The Director of the Department of Correction or the
9	director's designee;
10	(3) The Director of the Department of Community Correction or
11	the director's designee; and
12	(4) The Director of the Arkansas Crime Information Center or the
13	director's designee.
14	(b)(1) Members appointed by the Governor shall be appointed for four-
15	year staggered terms.
16	(2) The staggered terms will be assigned by lot.
17	(c)(1) In the event of a vacancy of one (1) of the members appointed
18	by the Governor for any reason other than expiration of a regular term, the
19	vacancy shall be filled for the unexpired portion of the term by appointment
20	of the Governor.
21	(2) A member of the committee appointed by the Governor may be
22	removed by the Governor for neglect of duty or malfeasance in office.
23	(3) A member of the committee appointed by the Governor shall
24	not be entitled to compensation for his or her service but may receive
25	expense reimbursement and a stipend not to exceed one hundred ten dollars
26	(\$110) per meeting, in accordance with § 25-16-902, to be paid by the
27	Department of Correction.
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29	12-12-1302. Meetings and responsibilities.
30	(a)(1) The members of the Sex Offenders Assessment Committee shall
31	elect from among their number a chair and a vice chair.
32	(2) Annually, an organizational meeting shall be held to elect
33	the chair and vice chair.
34	(3) The Director of the Department of Correction or the
35	director's designee shall serve as the executive secretary.
36	(4) A majority of the members of the committee shall constitute

1	a quorum for the transaction of business.
2	(5) A member shall be considered active unless his or her
3	resignation has been submitted or requested by the Governor, or he or she has
4	more than two (2) unexcused absences from meetings in a twelve-month period
5	and this fact has been reported to the Governor's office.
6	(b)(1) The committee shall meet at least quarterly.
7	(2) Special meetings may be called by the chair or as provided
8	by the rules of the committee.
9	(c) The executive secretary of the committee shall keep full and true
10	records of all committee proceedings and preserve all books, documents, and
11	papers relating to the business of the committee.
12	(d) The meetings shall not be open to the public under the Freedom of
13	Information Act of 1967, § 25-19-101 et seq.
14	(e) The committee shall assist the Department of Correction in
15	promulgating rules and regulations to ensure the proper implementation of
16	Acts 1999, No. 1353.
17	(f)(1) The committee shall report in writing to the Governor and to
18	the Legislative Council by July 31 of each year.
19	(2) The report shall contain:
20	(A) A summary of the proceedings of the committee during
21	the preceding fiscal year;
22	(B) A detailed and itemized statement of all revenue and
23	of all expenditures made by or in behalf of the committee;
24	(C) Other information deemed necessary or useful; and
25	(D) Any additional information which may be requested by
26	the Governor and the Legislative Council.
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28	12-12-1303. Assessing public risk.
29	(a)(1) Sex Offender Screening and Risk Assessment shall assess on a
30	case by-case basis the public risk posed by a sex or child offender or
31	sexually violent predator who is required to register under § 12-12-905.
32	(2) Sex Offender Screening and Risk Assessment shall assess
33	those persons required to register under § 12-12-905:
34	(A) After July 1, 1999; and
35	(B) Who have not been assessed prior to July 1, 1999.
36	(3)(A) Adult offenders sentenced to the Department of Correction

1	shall be assessed as the necessary information becomes available after
2	reception into the Department of Correction, with that assessment being
3	reviewed and updated periodically during the course of incarceration.
4	(B) Sex offenders sentenced to life, life without parole,
5	or death shall be assessed only if being considered for release through
6	clemency.
7	(4) Adult offenders adjudicated guilty but given suspended or
8	probated sentences shall be required by the sentencing court to contact Sex
9	Offender Screening and Risk Assessment at Pine Bluff within ten (10) days of
10	adjudication to schedule an assessment to be conducted at a location
11	determined by the Department of Correction in consultation with the
12	sentencing court.
13	(5)(A) Sex offenders currently in the community who have not
14	been assessed and classified shall be identified by the Arkansas Crime
15	Information Center.
16	(B)(i) The Department of Community Correction shall notify
17	offenders in a particular area to present themselves at a parole office in
18	their area or other designated location for assessment by Sex Offender
19	Screening and Risk Assessment.
20	(ii) Failure to appear or failure to cooperate fully
21	with assessment shall result in a default classification of the highest risk
22	category and in notification of the parole or probation officer, if
23	applicable, and may be considered a violation of the statute requiring
24	registration.
25	(b)(1) Sex Offender Screening and Risk Assessment shall have access to
26	all relevant records and information in the possession of public agencies or
27	any private entity contracting with a public agency relating to the sex
28	offender or sexually violent predator under review.
29	(2) The records and information include, but are not limited to:
30	(A) Police reports;
31	(B) Statements of probable cause;
32	(C) Presentence investigations and reports;
33	(D) Complete judgments and sentences;
34	(E) Current classification referrals;
35	(F) Criminal history summaries;
36	(G) Violation and disciplinary reports;

1	(H) All psychological evaluations and psychiatric hospital
2	reports;
3	(I) Sex offender or sexually violent predator treatment
4	program reports;
5	(J) Juvenile records;
6	(K) Victim impact statements;
7	(L) Investigation reports to the child abuse hotline, the
8	Division of Children and Family Services of the Department of Human Services,
9	and any entity contracting with the Department of Human Services for
10	investigation or treatment of sexual or physical abuse or domestic violence;
11	and
12	(M) Statements of medical providers treating victims of
13	sex offenses indicating the extent of injury to the victim.
14	(c)(1)(A) Records and information obtained under this section shall
15	not be subject to the Freedom of Information Act of 1967, § 25-19-101 et
16	seq., unless otherwise authorized by law.
17	(B)(i) Records and information obtained under this section
18	shall not be available to the sex offender except through the agency or
19	individual having primary custody of them, unless otherwise ordered by a
20	court of competent jurisdiction.
21	(ii) The offender may be given a list of the records
22	or information obtained.
23	(2) The sex offender or sexually violent predator shall have
24	access to records and information generated and maintained by Sex Offender
25	Screening and Risk Assessment unless the records or information generated
26	contains the addresses of victims or persons who have made statements adverse
27	to the sex offender or sexually violent predator.
28	(d) In classifying the offender into a risk level for the purposes of
29	public notification under § 12-12-913, Sex Offender Screening and Risk
30	Assessment shall review each sex offender or sexually violent predator under
31	its authority:
32	(1) Prior to the offender's release from confinement in a
33	correctional facility;
34	(2) Prior to the release of a person who has been committed
35	following an acquittal on the grounds of mental disease or defect;
36	(3) Upon an adjudication of delinquency of a sex offense;

1	(4) At any time during the juvenile division of circuit court
2	judge's jurisdiction over a juvenile adjudicated delinquent of a sex offense;
3	(5) At the start of an offender's suspended sentence;
4	(6) At the start of the offender's term of community punishment;
5	or
6	(7) At the start of an offender's probation period.
7	(e)(1) Sex Offender Screening and Risk Assessment shall issue to the
8	local law enforcement agency having jurisdiction, for its use in making
9	public notifications under § 12-12-913, the offender fact sheet required by
10	the regulations promulgated by the Sex Offenders Assessment Committee
11	regarding the sex offender or sexually violent predator.
12	(2) The Post Prison Transfer Board shall receive copies of the
13	offender fact sheet on inmates of the Department of Correction.
14	(3) The Department of Community Correction shall receive copies
15	of the offender fact sheet on any individuals under its supervision.
16	(4)(A)(i) The offender fact sheet shall be reported on standard
17	forms for ease of transmission and communication.
18	(ii) The offender fact sheet will also be on a
19	computer-based application accessible to law enforcement and state boards and
20	licensing agencies.
21	(iii) The offender fact sheet of sexually violent
22	predators and those sex offenders found by the center to be in violation of
23	registration requirements may be accessible by the general public unless to
24	do so places innocent individuals at risk.
25	(B) The standard forms shall include, but not be limited
26	to:
27	(i) Registration information as required in § 12-12-
28	908;
29	(ii) Risk level;
30	(iii) Date of deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) sample;
31	(iv) Psychological factors likely to affect sexual
32	control;
33	(v) Victim target group preference;
34	(vi) Treatment history and recommendations; and
35	(vii) Other relevant information deemed necessary by
36	the committee or by professional staff doing say offender assessments

1	(3)(A) Sex Offender Screening and Risk Assessment snaff ensure
2	that the notice is completed in its entirety.
3	(B) Law enforcement shall notify the center if an offender
4	has moved or is otherwise in violation of registration requirements.
5	(6) Copies of relevant documents gathered for the assessment
6	notice may be attached to the notice as determined appropriate by
7	professional staff completing the assessment.
8	$(7)(\Lambda)$ All material used in the assessment will be kept on file
9	in its original form for one (1) year.
10	(B) After one (1) year, the file may be stored
11	electronically.
12	(f)(1) The Department of Correction, in cooperation with the
13	committee, shall promulgate rules and regulations to establish the review
14	process for the assessment determinations.
15	(2) The sex offender may request a review upon presentation of
16	documentation that the law or guidelines were not properly followed or the
17	presentation of information that was not available to Sex Offender Screening
18	and Risk Assessment at the time of the assessment.
19	$(g)(1)(\Lambda)$ A sex offender or sexually violent predator may request the
20	committee to reassess the offender's assigned risk level after five (5) years
21	have elapsed since initial risk assessment by Sex Offender Screening and Risk
22	Assessment and may renew the request one (1) time every five (5) years
23	following subsequent denials.
24	(B) In the request for reassessment, the offender shall
25	list the facts and circumstances which demonstrate that the offender no
26	longer poses the same degree of risk to the community.
27	(2) The committee shall also take into consideration any
28	subsequent criminal acts by the sex offender or sexually violent predator who
29	has requested a reassessment."
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