For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO PROHIBIT CERTAIN REGISTERED SEX OFFENDERS FROM HOLDING A POSITION OF PUBLIC TRUST; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO PROHIBIT CERTAIN REGISTERED SEX OFFENDERS FROM HOLDING A POSITION OF PUBLIC TRUST.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 12, Chapter 12, Subchapter 9, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

12-12-928. Registered offender prohibited from holding a position of public trust.

(a) As used in this section, "position of public trust" means a position that:

(1) Is in a public agency that provides public safety services, including without limitation a fire department, law enforcement agency, or emergency medical service agency; and

(2) As part of the ordinary course of the duties of the position, requires a person holding the position to have direct physical contact with or come within the immediate vicinity of a member of the public outside of the building in which the public agency is located.

(b) A sex offender who is required to register under the Sex Offender Registration Act of 1997, § 12-12-901 et seq., and who has been assessed as a
Level 2, Level 3, or Level 4 offender may not hold a position of public trust.

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