ARKANSAS SENATE 90th General Assembly - Regular Session, 2015 Amendment Form

Subtitle of Senate Bill No. 266

TO REQUIRE THAT A PERSON WHO IS REQUIRED TO REGISTER AS A SEX OFFENDER NOTIFY CERTAIN CHURCHES OR OTHER PLACES OF WORSHIP THAT HE OR SHE IS A REGISTERED SEX OFFENDER.

Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill No. 266

Amend Senate Bill No. 266 as originally introduced:

Delete everything after then enacting clause and substitute the following: "SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 12, Chapter 12, Subchapter 9, is

amended to read as follows:

<u>12-12-928.</u> Duty of a sex offender to notify certain churches or places of worship.

(a) As used in this section, "organized function or activity" does not include a church service, Catholic mass, or other formalized period of communal worship.

(b) A person who is required to register as a sex offender under this subchapter shall notify a religious leader of a church or other place of worship that the person is required to register as a sex offender if the person:

(1) Is a member of the congregation of the church or other place of worship;

(2) Participates in an organized function or activity administered, supervised, or operated by the church or other place of worship; or

(3) Participates in any activity on the grounds of the church or other place of worship that is primarily intended for a minor.

(c) If the religious leader of a church or other place of worship is a person who is required to register as a sex offender under this subchapter, the religious leader shall notify the governing body of the church or other place of worship, if applicable.

(d) A person who knowingly violates this section upon conviction is guilty of a Class D felony."

