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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 266

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THAT A PERSON WHO IS REQUIRED TO  
9 REGISTER AS A SEX OFFENDER NOTIFY CERTAIN CHURCHES OR  
10 OTHER PLACES OF WORSHIP THAT HE OR SHE IS A  
11 REGISTERED SEX OFFENDER; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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24 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 12-12-904(a)(1)(A), concerning the offense  
25 of failing to comply with sex offender registration and reporting  
26 requirements, is amended to read as follows:

27 (a)(1)(A) A person is guilty of a Class C felony who:

28 (i) Fails to register or verify registration as  
29 required under this subchapter;

30 (ii) Fails to report a change of address, employment,  
31 education, or training as required under this subchapter;

32 (iii) Refuses to cooperate with the assessment  
33 process as required under this subchapter; ~~or~~

34 (iv) Files false paperwork or documentation regarding  
35 verification, change of information, or petitions to be removed from the  
36 registry; or



1                   (v) Fails to notify a church or place of worship as  
2 required under § 12-12-928.

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4           SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Title 12, Chapter 12, Subchapter 9, is  
5 amended to read as follows:

6           12-12-928. Duty of a sex offender to notify certain churches or places  
7 of worship.

8           A person who is required to register as a sex offender under this  
9 subchapter is required to notify a religious leader of a church or other  
10 place of worship that the person is a registered sex offender or is required  
11 to register as a sex offender if the person:

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

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

17                   (3) Participates in any activity on the grounds of the church or  
18 other place of worship that involves a minor.