

SENATE BILL 290

By White

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 13 and Title 40, Chapter 35, relative to sentencing of sexual offenses.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-13-531, is amended by deleting subsection (b) and substituting instead the following:

(b) Aggravated rape of a child is a Class A felony. Notwithstanding title 40, chapter 35, a person convicted of aggravated rape of a child shall be sentenced to imprisonment for life without the possibility of parole.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 40-35-501(h)(2), is amended by deleting the subdivision in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

(h)

(2) There shall be no release eligibility for a defendant receiving a sentence of imprisonment for life without possibility of parole for first degree murder or aggravated rape of a child.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 40-35-501, is amended by deleting subdivision (i)(2)(L).

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2019, the public welfare requiring it and shall apply to violations occurring on or after that date.