



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 211

HOUSE BILL NO. 283

By Representatives Littleton, Doggett, Curcio, Carter, Moody, Calfee Weaver, Smith, Hazlewood, Helton, Howell, Potts, Marsh, Tillis, DeBerry, Garrett, Sanderson, Holt, Whitson, Powers, Kumar, Van Huss, Rudd, Staples, Beck, Ramsey, Windle, Jerry Sexton, Eldridge, Lafferty, Miller, Dunn, Holsclaw, Love, Towns, Camper, White, Sherrell, Ogles, Griffey, Hulsey, Byrd, Cameron Sexton, Lamberth, Travis, Zachary, Cepicky, Carr, Wright, Moon, Russell, Faison, Timothy Hill, Reedy, Hicks, Hall, Bricken, Mr. Speaker Casada, Todd, Terry, Powell, Gloria Johnson, Coley, Hodges, Rudder, Vaughan, Shaw, Cochran, Parkinson, Williams, Haston, Crawford, Halford, Boyd, Ragan, Matthew Hill, Curtis Johnson, Hawk, Lamar, Dixie, Freeman, Baum, Farmer, Keisling, Jernigan, Leatherwood, Hurt, Mitchell, Daniel, Thompson, Sparks, Clemmons, Hardaway

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 290

By Senators White, Bowling, Briggs, Rose, Stevens

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)

(1) Aggravated rape of a child is a Class A felony.

(2) The applicable sentencing provisions of title 40, chapter 35, apply to the offense prohibited by this section except:

(A) A sentencing hearing shall not be conducted as required by § 40-35-209; and

(B) After a defendant is found guilty of aggravated rape of a child, the judge shall sentence the defendant 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.

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PASSED: April 8, 2019

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GLEN CASADA, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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RANDY MCNALLY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 23rd day of April 2019

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BILL LEE, GOVERNOR