

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to sexual offenses; providing a short
 3 title; amending s. 775.15, F.S.; revising time
 4 limitations for the criminal prosecution of specified
 5 sexual battery offenses if the victim is 16 years of
 6 age or older; providing applicability; providing an
 7 effective date.

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 9 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 11 Section 1. This act may be cited as the "43 Days
 12 Initiative Act."

13 Section 2. Subsection (14) of section 775.15, Florida
 14 Statutes, is amended to read:

15 775.15 Time limitations; general time limitations;
 16 exceptions.—

17 (13)

18 (b) If the offense is a first degree felony violation of
 19 s. 794.011 and the victim was under 18 years of age at the time
 20 the offense was committed, a prosecution of the offense may be
 21 commenced at any time. This paragraph applies to any such
 22 offense except an offense the prosecution of which would have
 23 been barred by subsection (2) on or before October 1, 2003.

24 (14) (a) A prosecution for a first or second degree felony
 25 violation of s. 794.011, if the victim is 16 ~~18~~ years of age or
 26 older at the time of the offense and the offense is reported to

27 a law enforcement agency within 72 hours after commission of the
28 offense, may be commenced at any time. ~~If the offense is not~~
29 ~~reported within 72 hours after the commission of the offense,~~
30 ~~the prosecution must be commenced within the time periods~~
31 ~~prescribed in subsection (2).~~

32 (b) Except as provided in paragraph (a) or paragraph
33 (13)(b), a prosecution for a first or second degree felony
34 violation of s. 794.011, if the victim is 16 years of age or
35 older at the time of the offense, must be commenced within 10
36 years after the violation is committed. This paragraph applies
37 to any such offense except an offense the prosecution of which
38 would have been barred by subsection (2) on or before July 1,
39 2015.

40 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015.