

By Senator Soto

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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 Initiative
12 Act."

13 Section 2. Paragraph (b) of subsection (13) of section
14 775.15, Florida Statutes, is republished, and subsection (14) of
15 that section is amended, to read:

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

18 (13)

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

25 (14) (a) A prosecution for a first or second degree felony
26 violation of s. 794.011, if the victim is 16 ~~18~~ years of age or
27 older at the time of the offense and the offense is reported to
28 a law enforcement agency within 72 hours after commission of the
29 offense, may be commenced at any time. ~~If the offense is not~~

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30 ~~reported within 72 hours after the commission of the offense,~~
31 ~~the prosecution must be commenced within the time periods~~
32 ~~prescribed in subsection (2).~~

33 (b) Except as provided in paragraph (a) or paragraph
34 (13)(b), a prosecution for a first or second degree felony
35 violation of s. 794.011, if the victim is 16 years of age or
36 older at the time of the offense, must be commenced within 10
37 years after the violation is committed. This paragraph applies
38 to any such offense except an offense the prosecution of which
39 would have been barred by subsection (2) on or before July 1,
40 2015.

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