

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to the statute of limitations for  
 3           criminal offenses against minors; amending s. 775.15,  
 4           F.S.; extending the statute of limitations periods for  
 5           certain kidnapping offenses involving minor victims  
 6           based on the age of the victim at the time of the  
 7           offense; providing applicability; providing a  
 8           directive to the Division of Law Revision and  
 9           Information; providing an effective date.

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

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 13           Section 1. Subsection (20) is added to section 775.15,  
 14   Florida Statutes, to read:

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

17           (20) (a) If the offense is a violation of s. 787.01 or s.  
 18           787.02 and the victim was under 13 years of age at the time the  
 19           initial confinement, abduction, restraint, or imprisonment  
 20           occurred, a prosecution of the offense may be commenced at any  
 21           time. This paragraph applies to any such offense that is not  
 22           otherwise barred from prosecution on or before the effective  
 23           date of this act.

24           (b) If the offense is a violation of s. 787.01 or s.  
 25           787.02 and the victim was between 13 and 17 years of age at the

26 | time the initial confinement, abduction, restraint, or  
27 | imprisonment occurred, the applicable period of limitation does  
28 | not begin to run until the victim has reached the age of 18 or  
29 | the victim's liberty has been restored, whichever occurs later.  
30 | This paragraph applies to an offense that is not otherwise  
31 | barred from prosecution on or before the effective date of this  
32 | act.

33 |       Section 2. The Division of Law Revision and Information is  
34 | directed to replace the phrase "the effective date of this act"  
35 | wherever it occurs in this act with the date the act becomes a  
36 | law.

37 |       Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.