

By Senator Bean

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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. 787.02
25 and the victim was between 13 and 17 years of age at the time
26 the initial confinement, abduction, restraint, or imprisonment
27 occurred, the applicable period of limitation does not begin to
28 run until the victim has reached the age of 18 or the victim's
29 liberty has been restored, whichever occurs later. This

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30 paragraph applies to any such 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 all instances of "the effective date of this
35 act" wherever it occurs in this act with the date that this act
36 becomes law.

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