

By Senator Book

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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to the statute of limitations for  
3           sexual offenses; amending s. 95.11, F.S.; extending  
4           the statute of limitations period for civil actions  
5           for certain offenses; providing applicability;  
6           authorizing certain persons to bring causes of action  
7           that were previously barred for specified reasons;  
8           providing an effective date.

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

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12           Section 1. Subsection (9) of section 95.11, Florida  
13   Statutes, is amended to read:

14           95.11 Limitations other than for the recovery of real  
15   property.—Actions other than for recovery of real property shall  
16   be commenced as follows:

17           (9) ~~SEXUAL BATTERY OFFENSES ON VICTIMS UNDER AGE 16.—~~

18           (a) An action related to an act constituting a violation of  
19   s. 794.011 involving a victim who was younger than ~~under~~ the age  
20   of 16 at the time of the act may be commenced at any time. This  
21   paragraph subsection applies to any such action other than one  
22   which would have been time barred on or before July 1, 2010.

23           (b)1. Except as provided in paragraph (a), an action  
24   related to an act constituting a violation of s. 794.011, s.  
25   800.02, s. 800.03, s. 800.09, or s. 800.101 may be commenced at  
26   any time. This paragraph applies to any such action other than  
27   one which would have been time barred on or before July 1, 2020.

28           2. If a person commences such an action between December  
29   31, 2020, and January 1, 2022, he or she may bring a cause of

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30 action under subparagraph 1. for a claim that was previously  
31 barred by a statute of limitation or by the failure of that  
32 person to file a notice of claim or notice of intention to file  
33 a claim.

34 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020.