

By Senator Davis

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to time limitations for prosecution of
3 certain sexual offenses; amending s. 775.15, F.S.;
4 revising the time periods for prosecution of specified
5 sexual offenses committed on certain victims in
6 certain circumstances; providing applicability;
7 providing an 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. Subsection (14) of section 775.15, Florida
12 Statutes, is amended to read:

13 775.15 Time limitations; general time limitations;
14 exceptions.—

15 (14) (a) A prosecution for a first or second degree felony
16 violation of s. 794.011, if the victim is 16 years of age or
17 older at the time of the offense and the offense is reported to
18 a law enforcement agency or a medical professional licensed
19 under chapter 458, chapter 464, chapter 466, chapter 490, or
20 chapter 491 within 21 days ~~72 hours~~ after commission of the
21 offense, may be commenced at any time.

22 (b) Except as provided in paragraph (a), ~~or~~ paragraph (c),
23 paragraph (13) (b), or subsection (20), a prosecution for a first
24 or second degree felony violation of s. 794.011, if the victim
25 is 16 years of age or older at the time of the offense, must be
26 commenced within 8 years after the violation is committed. This
27 paragraph applies to any such offense except an offense the
28 prosecution of which would have been barred by subsection (2) on
29 or before July 1, 2015.

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30 (c) A prosecution for a first or second degree felony
31 violation of s. 794.011, if the victim is 18 years of age or
32 older at the time of the offense, must be commenced within 15
33 years after the violation is committed. This paragraph applies
34 to an offense that is committed on or after July 1, 2023.

35 Section 2. The amendments to s. 775.15(14) (a), Florida
36 Statutes, made by this act apply to any such offense except an
37 offense the prosecution of which would have been barred by s.
38 775.15(2), Florida Statutes, on or before July 1, 2023.

39 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2023.