

By the Committee on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; and Senator Bradley

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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to the statute of limitations period for violations involving required reports concerning children; amending s. 775.15, F.S.; providing that the period of limitation for offenses related to specified required reports concerning children does not begin to run until a law enforcement agency is made aware of the violation; providing applicability; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (23) is added to section 775.15, Florida Statutes, to read:

775.15 Time limitations; general time limitations; exceptions.—

(23) If the offense is a violation of s. 39.201, the applicable period of limitation does not begin to run until a law enforcement agency or other governmental agency, excluding any institution where the violation occurs, is made aware of the violation. This subsection applies to any offense that is not otherwise barred from prosecution on or before July 1, 2026.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.