

PCS for HB 521

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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 limitations for prosecution of
5 specified sexual battery offenses committed on victims
6 18 years of age or older in certain circumstances;
7 providing applicability; 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 within 72 hours after commission of the
19 offense, may be commenced at any time.

20 (b) A prosecution for a first or second degree felony
21 violation of s. 794.011, if the victim is 18 years of age or
22 older at the time of the offense and the offense is reported to
23 a law enforcement agency or a person acting within the scope of
24 his or her practice who is licensed under chapter 458, chapter
25 459, chapter 490, or chapter 491 within 21 days after commission

26 of the offense, may be commenced at any time. This paragraph
 27 applies to an offense that is committed on or after July 1,
 28 2023.

29 (c)~~(b)~~ Except as provided in paragraph (a), ~~or~~ or paragraph
 30 (13) (b), or subsection (20), a prosecution for a first or second
 31 degree felony violation of s. 794.011, if the victim is 16 years
 32 of age or older at the time of the offense, must be commenced
 33 within 8 years after the violation is committed. This paragraph
 34 applies to any such offense except an offense the prosecution of
 35 which would have been barred by subsection (2) on or before July
 36 1, 2015.

37 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2023.