

THE FLORIDA SENATE
2020 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED
Committee on Criminal Justice

CS/HB 199 — Sexual Battery Prosecution Time Limitation

by Criminal Justice Subcommittee and Reps. Davis, Plakon, and others (CS/SB 170 by Criminal Justice Committee and Senators Stewart, Perry, and Harrell)

The bill provides that there is no time limitation for prosecuting sexual battery when the victim is younger than 18 years of age at the time of the offense, and the offense was committed on or after July 1, 2020. This bill creates a new exception to the general time limitation proscribed in s. 775.15, F.S.

The bill provides that this act may be cited as “Donna’s Law.”

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2020.

Vote: Senate 37-0; House 119-0