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Proposed Committee Substitute by the Committee on Fiscal Policy
(Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice)

A bill to be entitled

An act relating to sexual offenses; providing a short title; amending s. 775.15, F.S.; revising time limitations for the criminal prosecution of specified sexual battery offenses if the victim is 16 years of age or older; providing applicability; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. This act may be cited as the "43 Days Initiative Act."

Section 2. Paragraph (b) of subsection (13) of section 775.15, Florida Statutes, is republished, and subsection (14) of that section is amended, to read:

775.15 Time limitations; general time limitations; exceptions.—

(13)

(b) If the offense is a first degree felony violation of s. 794.011 and the victim was under 18 years of age at the time the offense was committed, a prosecution of the offense may be commenced at any time. This paragraph applies to any such offense except an offense the prosecution of which would have been barred by subsection (2) on or before October 1, 2003.

(14) (a) A prosecution for a first or second degree felony violation of s. 794.011, if the victim is 16 ~~18~~ years of age or older at the time of the offense and the offense is reported to



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28 a law enforcement agency within 72 hours after commission of the
29 offense, may be commenced at any time. ~~If the offense is not~~
30 ~~reported within 72 hours after the commission of the offense,~~
31 ~~the prosecution must be commenced within the time periods~~
32 ~~prescribed in subsection (2).~~

33 (b) Except as provided in paragraph (a) or paragraph
34 (13) (b), a prosecution for a first or second degree felony
35 violation of s. 794.011, if the victim is 16 years of age or
36 older at the time of the offense, must be commenced within 6
37 years after the violation is committed. This paragraph applies
38 to any such offense except an offense the prosecution of which
39 would have been barred by subsection (2) on or before July 1,
40 2015.

41 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015.