

AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 1947

- The bill allows an individual to file a civil action based on childhood sexual abuse until that individual reaches the age of 50. For incidents of childhood sexual abuse that occur on or after the effective date of the bill, this amendment allows the individual to file a civil action against certain individual defendants at any time. Those individual defendants are:

- The individual who committed the act of childhood sexual abuse;
- Any individual who conspired with the perpetrator of childhood sexual abuse for the purpose of bringing about the abuse; or
- Any individual who knew of childhood sexual abuse committed against the plaintiff but failed to report the abuse to law enforcement or a child protective services agency (unless the abuse had already been reported by someone else).

- The bill eliminates the criminal statute of limitations for certain offenses. This amendment also eliminates the criminal statute of limitations for a conspiracy or solicitation that facilitates those listed offenses.

- The amendment lowers the standard for actions against governmental defendants from “gross negligence” to “negligence.”

- The amendment clarifies that the bill does not revive time-barred civil actions.