

HB 247 -- Statute of Limitations for Certain Offenses Against a Child

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This bill repeals the 10-year statute of limitation on any action for damages for personal injury caused to an individual by a person within the third degree of affinity or consanguinity who subjects the individual to sexual contact and any action to recover damages from injury or illness caused by childhood sexual abuse commenced on or after August 28, 2012. The bill also repeals the requirement that prosecutions for unlawful sexual offenses involving a person 18 years old or younger must be commenced within 30 years after the victim reaches 18 years of age with certain exceptions.

The bill specifies that prosecutions for child abuse may be commenced at any time.