A Bill

For An Act To Be Entitled
AN ACT TO AMEND THE LIMITATIONS PERIOD FOR CERTAIN
SEX CRIMES INVOLVING MINORS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle
TO AMEND THE LIMITATIONS PERIOD FOR
CERTAIN SEX CRIMES INVOLVING MINORS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 5-1-109(a), regarding the limitations period for certain criminal offenses, is amended to read as follows:
(a)(1) A prosecution for murder the following offenses may be commenced at any time:
(A) Capital murder, § 5-10-101;
(B) Murder in the first degree, § 5-10-102;
(C) Murder in the second degree, § 5-10-103;
(D) Rape, § 5-14-103, if the victim was a minor at the time of the offense;
(E) Sexual indecency with a child, § 5-14-110;
(F) Sexual assault in the first degree, § 5-14-124;
(G) Sexual assault in the second degree, § 5-14-125, if the victim was a minor at the time of the offense;
(H) Incest, § 5-26-202, if the victim was a minor at the time of the offense;
(I) Engaging children in sexually explicit conduct for use.
in visual or print medium, § 5-27-303;

(J) Transportation of minors for prohibited sexual conduct, § 5-27-305;

(K) Employing or consenting to the use of a child in a sexual performance, § 5-27-402;

(L) Producing, directing, or promoting a sexual performance by a child, § 5-27-403; and

(M) Computer exploitation of a child in the first degree, § 5-27-605.

(2) A prosecution may be commenced for a violation of the following offenses, if, when the alleged violation occurred, the offense was committed against a minor, the violation has not been previously reported to a law enforcement agency or prosecuting attorney, and the victim has not reached the age of twenty-eight (28) years of age:

(A) Rape, § 5-14-103;

(B) Sexual assault in the first degree, § 5-14-124;

(C) Sexual assault in the second degree, § 5-14-125;

(D) Sexual assault in the third degree, § 5-14-126;

(E) Sexual assault in the fourth degree, § 5-14-127;

(F) Incest, § 5-26-202;

(G) Endangering the welfare of a minor in the first degree, § 5-27-205;

(H) Permitting abuse of a minor, § 5-27-221; and

(I) Engaging children in sexually explicit conduct for use in visual or print medium, § 5-27-303;

(J) Transportation of minors for prohibited sexual conduct, § 5-27-305;

(K) Employing or consenting to the use of a child in a sexual performance, § 5-27-402;

(L) Producing, directing, or promoting a sexual performance by a child, § 5-27-403;

(M) Computer child pornography, § 5-27-603; and

(N) Computer exploitation of a child in the first degree, § 5-27-605.

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