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Bill Analysis

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Primary Sponsors: Sens. Antonio and Manning

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SUMMARY

- Raises the civil statute of limitations from one year to five years for an action brought against an individual for conduct prohibited as a sex offense.

DETAILED ANALYSIS

Statute of limitations

Current law provides the period of limitation for an action for assault or battery brought by a victim of assault or battery is one year after the cause of action accrues. The bill raises the period of limitation for an action brought against an individual for conduct prohibited as a sex offense to five years.[1]

The bill also specifies that if the plaintiff did not know the identity of the person who allegedly committed the conduct prohibited as a sex offense on the date which it allegedly occurs, the cause of action accrues upon the earlier of the following dates:[2]

- The date on which the plaintiff learns the identity of that person;
- The date on which, by the exercise of reasonable diligence, the plaintiff should have learned the identity of that person.

[1] R.C. 2305.111(B).

[2] R.C. 2305.111(B)(2).

HISTORY

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