

HB 1590 -- STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS FOR CERTAIN OFFENSES

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Currently, there are various time periods during which the statute of limitations for prosecutions is tolled. This bill adds to the various time periods any period of time after which a DNA profile is developed from evidence collected in relation to the commission of a crime and included in a published laboratory report until the date upon which the accused is identified by name based upon a match between the DNA evidence profile and the known DNA profile of the accused.

Currently, prosecutions for unlawful sexual offenses must be commenced within 30 years after the victim turns 18 unless the prosecutions are for specified offenses, in which case prosecutions may be commenced at any time. This bill removes the 30-year statute of limitations for prosecutions of unlawful sexual offenses, as defined in the bill.

This bill is the same as HB 1120 (2017).