

HB 1139 -- SEXUAL OFFENSES

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This bill allows a victim of a sexual offense to bring a civil action at any time against a person who committed a sexual offense against the victim or whose conduct caused the victim to be a victim of a sexual offense. An action to recover damages from an injury or illness caused by childhood sexual abuse may be commenced at any time. Currently, an action to recover damages resulting from childhood sexual abuse must be commenced within 10 years of the plaintiff turning 21 or within three years of the date the plaintiff discovers or reasonably should have discovered that the injury or illness was caused by childhood sexual abuse. The bill also allows prosecutions for felony sexual offenses to be commenced at any time.

This bill is similar to HB 2223 (2022) and HB 330 (2021).