

HCS HB 401 -- PROSECUTIONS FOR ABUSE OR NEGLECT OF A CHILD

SPONSOR: Amato

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Standing Committee on Crime and Public Safety by a vote of 14 to 0 with 2 voting Present.

The following is a summary of the House Committee Substitute for HB 401.

This bill requires prosecutions for abuse or neglect of a child be commenced within 20 years of the commission of the offense.

The following is a summary of the public testimony from the committee hearing. The testimony was based on the introduced version of the bill.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this bill intends to allow a prosecution for abuse or neglect of a child to be commenced at any time because these children who were abused need to have the time to have charges brought. There should be a remedy for a child as he or she gets older.

Testifying in person for the bill were Representative Amato.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

Written testimony has been submitted for this bill. The full written testimony and witnesses testifying online can be found under Testimony on the bill page on the House website.