

HCS HBs 1664, 1610, 1645 & 2182 -- STATUTES OF LIMITATION
(Seitz)

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: Standing Committee on Judiciary

This bill adds to the three-year statute of limitation actions that accrue on or after August 28, 2026, for any injury to the person or rights of another not arising on contract and not otherwise provided for by law, including actions for personal injury or bodily injury and actions that accrue on or after August 28, 2026, against insurers relating to uninsured motorist coverage or under-insured motorist coverage, including any action to enforce such coverage.

The bill adds the offense of sexual exploitation of a minor to the current definition of "childhood sexual abuse" in the context of civil actions to recover damages from injury or illness caused by childhood sexual abuse.

Currently, any action to recover damages from injury or illness caused by childhood sexual abuse must be commenced within 10 years of the plaintiff turning 21 years of age or within three years of the date the plaintiff discovers or reasonably should have discovered the injury or illness was caused by childhood sexual abuse, whichever later occurs. This bill changes the time frame to 20 years and provides certain qualifiers for the individual who would be liable for the offense, as specified in the bill.

The bill requires any action to recover damages from such abuse in an action brought against a person other than what is referenced in Section 537.046, RSMo, to be commenced within five years of the plaintiff turning 21 years of age.

This bill is similar to HB 114 (2025) and HB 1617 (2024).