1   A bill to be entitled

2   An act relating to time limitations for prosecution of

3   certain sexual offenses; amending s. 775.15, F.S.;

4   revising the time limitations for prosecution of

5   specified sexual battery offenses committed on victims

6   18 years of age or older in certain circumstances;

7   providing applicability; providing an effective date.

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9   Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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11   Section 1. Subsection (14) of section 775.15, Florida

12   Statutes, is amended to read:

13   775.15 Time limitations; general time limitations;

14   exceptions.—

15   (14)(a) A prosecution for a first or second degree felony

16   violation of s. 794.011, if the victim is 16 years of age or

17   older at the time of the offense and the offense is reported to

18   a law enforcement agency within 72 hours after commission of the

19   offense, may be commenced at any time.

20   (b) A prosecution for a first or second degree felony

21   violation of s. 794.011, if the victim is 18 years of age or

22   older at the time of the offense and the offense is reported to

23   a law enforcement agency or a person acting within the scope of

24   his or her practice who is licensed under chapter 458, chapter

25   459, chapter 490, or chapter 491 within 21 days after commission

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26 of the offense, may be commenced at any time. This paragraph
27 applies to an offense that is committed on or after July 1,
28 2023.
29   (c)(b) Except as provided in paragraph (a), or paragraph
30 (13)(b), or subsection (20), a prosecution for a first or second
31 degree felony violation of s. 794.011, if the victim is 16 years
32 of age or older at the time of the offense, must be commenced
33 within 8 years after the violation is committed. This paragraph
34 applies to any such offense except an offense the prosecution of
35 which would have been barred by subsection (2) on or before July
36 1, 2015.
37   Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2023.