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## HOUSE BILL No. 1400

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DIGEST OF HB 1400 (Updated January 25, 2023 9:30 am - DI 140)

**Citations Affected:** IC 34-11.

**Synopsis:** Statute of limitation on certain claims. Provides that an action for injury to a person that results from the sexual abuse of a child, that has expired under the current statute of limitations, may be commenced in certain bankruptcy proceedings for up to two years.

**Effective:** July 1, 2023.

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January 17, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on Judiciary.  
January 26, 2023, reported — Do Pass.

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First Regular Session of the 123rd General Assembly (2023)

PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2022 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning civil procedure.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 34-11-2-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.44-2013,  
2 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
3 JULY 1, 2023]: Sec. 4. (a) An action for:  
4 (1) injury to person or character;  
5 (2) injury to personal property; or  
6 (3) a forfeiture of penalty given by statute;  
7 must be commenced within two (2) years after the cause of action  
8 accrues.  
9 (b) **Except as provided in subsection (c)**, an action for injury to a  
10 person that results from the sexual abuse of a child must be  
11 commenced within the later of:  
12 (1) seven (7) years after the cause of action accrues; or  
13 (2) four (4) years after the person ceases to be a dependent of the  
14 person alleged to have performed the sexual abuse.  
15 (c) **An action for injury to a person that:**  
16 (1) **results from the sexual abuse of a child; and**  
17 (2) **is barred due to the expiration of the statute of limitations**

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1           **period described in subsection (b);**  
2           **may be commenced, at any time, in a bankruptcy proceeding that**  
3           **was initiated on February 18, 2020, and that is filed by or on behalf**  
4           **of a person liable for the injury. This subsection expires on June**  
5           **30, 2025.**



COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred House Bill 1400, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to HB 1400 as introduced.)

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Committee Vote: Yeas 10, Nays 0

