

# SENATE BILL No. 219

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 34-11-2-4.

**Synopsis:** Statute of limitations. Extends the statute of limitations for a civil cause of action against a person or entity whose negligent or intentional act or omission led to the sexual abuse of a child.

**Effective:** July 1, 2019.

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January 3, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on Judiciary.

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First Regular Session of the 121st General Assembly (2019)

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~~.

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Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2018 Regular and Special 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, 2019]: 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) An action for injury to a person that results from the sexual  
10 abuse of a child must be commenced within the later of:  
11 (1) seven (7) years after the cause of action accrues; or  
12 (2) four (4) years after the person ceases to be a dependent of the  
13 person alleged to have performed the sexual abuse.  
14 (c) **This subsection applies to an action pending on or**  
15 **commenced on or after July 1, 2019. Notwithstanding any other**  
16 **provision of law, if an action against a person or entity whose**  
17 **negligent or intentional act or omission led to the sexual abuse of**



1     **a child would otherwise be time barred under subsection (b), or**  
2     **under any other law, the action is revived and may be commenced**  
3     **not later than July 1, 2022.**

