

HOUSE BILL 911

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39  
and Title 40, relative to sexual offenses.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 40-2-101, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

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(1) Notwithstanding subsections (b), (g), (h), (i), and (l) to the contrary, a person may be prosecuted, tried, and punished at any time after the commission of an offense if:

(A) The offense was one (1) of the following:

(i) Aggravated rape, as prohibited by § 39-13-502; or

(ii) Rape, as prohibited by § 39-13-503;

(B) The victim was an adult at the time of the offense;

(C) The victim notifies law enforcement or the office of the district attorney general of the offense within ten (10) years of the offense; and

(D) The offense is committed:

(i) On or after July 1, 2023; or

(ii) Prior to July 1, 2023, unless prosecution for the offense is barred because the applicable time limitation set out in this section for prosecution of the offense expired prior to July 1, 2023.

(2) If subdivision ( ) (1) does not apply to the specified offenses, prosecution shall be commenced within the times otherwise provided by this section.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-13-519(d)(2), is amended by deleting "ten (10) years or" and substituting "ten (10) years from the date of the alleged offense or".

SECTION 3. This act takes effect July 1, 2023, the public welfare requiring it.