

HOUSE BILL 2216

By Whitson

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 28;
Title 39 and Title 40, relative to sexual assault.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 28, Chapter 3, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) Notwithstanding § 28-3-104, a civil action for an injury or illness based on a sexual assault that occurred when the injured person was eighteen (18) years of age or older must be brought:

(1) Within three (3) years of the sexual assault, or last act of sexual assault if in a series of continuing sexual assault incidents against the victim by the alleged perpetrator, if law enforcement was not notified of the sexual assault;
or

(2) Within five (5) years of the sexual assault, or last act of sexual assault if in a series of continuing sexual assault incidents against the victim by the alleged perpetrator, if law enforcement was notified of the sexual assault.

(b) For purposes of this section, "sexual assault" means an offense involving rape, as described in § 39-13-502, § 39-13-503, or § 39-13-534, or sexual battery, as described in § 39-13-504, § 39-13-505, or § 39-13-527.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect July 1, 2024, the public welfare requiring it.