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SEX ABUSE PROSECUTIONS

House Bill 4330

Sponsor: Rep. Gary L. Randall

Committee: Judiciary and Civil Rights

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4330 AS INTRODUCED 2-7-95

The bill would amend the Code of Criminal Procedure to eliminate the statute of limitations for commencing a prosecution for certain sex offenses if the alleged victim was a minor at the time the offense was committed. The current statute of limitations in such instances is six years after the offense was committed or six years after the alleged victims' twenty-first birthday, whichever is later.

The bill would apply to the following offenses: producing or distributing child pornography, assault with intent to commit criminal sexual conduct, and criminal sexual assault (in the first, second, third, and fourth degree). The bill also would state a legislative intent that the proposed extension of the statute of limitations is to apply retroactively to offenses for which prosecution was not already barred at the time the bill took effect.

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