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## REVISE STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS FOR CERTAIN SEX CRIMES

House Bill 5095

**Sponsor: Rep. Andrew Richner Committee: Criminal Justice** 

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## A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 5095 AS INTRODUCED 9-25-01

Currently, under the Code of Criminal Procedure, an indictment for the crime of fourth-degree criminal sexual conduct must be found and filed within ten years after the offense is committed or by the victim's twenty-first birthday, whichever is later. The bill would specify that an indictment for a fourth-degree CSC offense could be found and filed within eight years after the relationship in which the actor had been providing mental health services or treatment to the victim had ended.

(Note: Public Act 6 of 2001 expanded the statute of limitations for second-, third-, and fourth-degree CSC from six years to ten years. House Bill 5095 was introduced before Public Act 6 took effect. Public Act 6 also provides that if evidence obtained in a CSC offense investigation contains DNA that is from an unidentified individual, an indictment against the individual can be found and filed at any time after the offense was committed; however, once the individual is identified, the indictment has to be found and filed within ten years after the identification or by the victim's 21<sup>st</sup> birthday, whichever is later. Public Act 6 also removed the statute of limitations for first-degree CSC.)

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